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Ministers refuse deal with Ulster strikers

With the "loyalist" strike in Northern Ireland in its seventh day, the Government declared last night that it would not be intimidated or blackmailed into abandoning the constitutional arrangements in the province.

the Government could not negotiate with the Ulster Workers' Council. If more troops were needed they were ready to go at short notice.

In Belfast, the strike tightened its grip [Robert Fisk writes]. A trade union attempt to march its men back to work, led by Len Murray, TUC general secretary, failed.

Barricades stay after unions' back-to-work march fails

The Government made a firm declaration last night that it would not be intimidated or blackmailed into departing from the present constitutional arrangements in Northern Ireland.



A woman grappling with Mr Andy Barr, president of the shipbuilding and engineering workers' union, as he walked beside Mr Len Murray, TUC general secretary, during the back-to-work march in Belfast yesterday.

Northern Ireland gambling for ever higher stakes in their efforts to break each other's political will, members of the Northern Ireland Executive believe that the Sunningdale agreement has never been in so much danger of breakdown.

Unionist politicians in Ulster because they believe the strike has such popular support, the workers' council blandly announced that it was stopping all petrol and oil distribution.

the trade unions could break the strike were disillusioned in the morning when a union attempt to march its men back to work in east Belfast, led by Mr Len Murray, the TUC general secretary, failed miserably.

Callaghan prescription to revive Atlanticism

From Fred Emery Washington, May 21 A prescription for "three Cs—consultation, coordination and cooperation" to revive "transatlantic partnership" was offered here today by Mr James Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary.

Lord Shawcross is to chair Press Council

By a Staff Reporter Lord Shawcross, QC, Labour's Attorney General in 1945-51, will be independent chairman of the Press Council from the beginning of July, when Lord Pearce's five-year term ends.

cross's departure from the Times Newspapers board was greatly regretted. Since joining the board in 1967, when the company was set up after the merger of The Times and The Sunday Times interests, he had made freely available his vast experience in politics and the law and from his chairmanship of the royal commission.

GPs' report on the pill 'should dispel fears'

By John Roper Medical Reporter A report of a four-year study of 45,000 women by 1,400 general practitioners, published yesterday, virtually gave the contraceptive pill a clean bill of health.

years was needed before confident conclusions could be drawn. Incidence of neurotic depression was 30 per cent higher among pill takers. The report, however, was not conclusive. There was no evidence that severe depression or schizophrenia was associated with use of the pill. Users complained of diminished sex drive four times more often than non-users. There were unexplained instances of pain in nerves of the arm and of sciatica among users and former users, which needed more investigation.

'Last Tango' makers for trial

United Artists Corporation must face trial on charges alleging that its film Last Tango in Paris contravenes the Obscene Publications Act, Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice, ruled in the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Corruption claim over policemen's houses

From Christopher Walker Newcastle upon Tyne A new and serious disclosure of the extent of corruption in the North-east came to light this week when documents detailing the sale of allegedly cut-price houses to two senior police officers by a prominent northern builder were handed to detectives.

I was shown the documents relating to the sale of the houses on Monday by Mr Edward Milne, Independent MP for Blyth, who has sent copies to the Northumbria police. These documents are of major importance and I am more than satisfied that they are critical of the police, he said.

that one former leading councillor has at one time or another held directorships with five of his companies over the past 15 years. On May 10 local detectives were handed an invoice relating to the builder concerning two cars, costing £1,400 each, which it was alleged he purchased for a former alderman and a council official. Dated 1973, the invoice is believed to be made out to the builder and names the former alderman and the council official who took delivery of the new cars.

Commodity price falls may reduce inflation

By Melvyn Westlake Business News Staff Prices of many key commodities fell heavily on London terminal markets yesterday, raising hopes that the unprecedented boom of the past two years might have been reversed.

But even a small drop is good news for the Government. It will help ministers to persuade the trade unions to temper wage claims since at the same time affecting the standard of living of their members. In addition, lower commodity prices will help relieve the import burden.

Oil self-sufficiency by 1980 forecast as new find is announced

By Roger Vielvoys Energy Correspondent Britain will be self-sufficient in oil by 1980 if new Government estimates of the output from the North Sea prove correct.

Oil production for next year had been forecast at 25 million tons but because of slippages in the platform buildings and pipe-laying programmes only five million tons is likely to be produced. The 25 million-ton mark will not be exceeded before the second half of 1976.

from existing fields could, on present knowledge reach about 115 million tons in 1980 and that, including future finds yet to be made, could be sustained at a rate of up to 150 million tons a year during the decade.

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Battle is joined over Jaworski crisis

Washington, May 21 Mr Elliot Richardson, the former Attorney General, said today that the most would fall on the special Watergate prosecutor, Mr Leon Jaworski.

Mr Jaworski said in a letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday that the President's "right to prosecute, when to prosecute, and with what evidence to prosecute."

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HOME NEWS

Ulster strike has widespread support from Protestants ready to stay behind barricades

From Robert Fisk Belfast
From almost the first moment that one drives past the hijacked lorries, and the men in black leather jackets guarding them, the realization dawns that most of the Protestants behind the barricades are supporting the strike. The Government's carefully nurtured belief that "loyalists" are staying away from work only because of intimidation seems to be further from reality each day.

virtually every business is opening at the hours allowed by the workers council; chemists, all day, food shops and essential stores from 9 am to 2 pm, and post offices from 2 pm until 6 pm. Army patrols wander through the streets under the eye of the UDA, chatting with some overconfidence to the men on the barricades but making no attempt to take them down. "I know there has been intimidation and looting", a middle-aged woman in Donegall Road said with slight misgivings. "But we are sick of Faulkner and his men and the Council of Ireland. We do not want to strike but the British must let us have a fair government, not Sunningdale. We have struck the hounding and the IRA and the British Government's mistakes for five years, so we can certainly stick this strike for two or three weeks."

scores of unemployment cards so that claimants could fill them in at home.
"We have even had some inquiries which have nothing to do with the strike", the woman who owns the house, said. "One girl came on the phone in tears because her husband had hit her. Then we found out she had no sink or proper lavatory in the house so we fixed her up with them."

Cosgrave rebuke to all men of violence

From Stewart Tendler Dublin
The Daill stood in silent tribute to the Dublin car bomb victims yesterday after Mr Cosgrave, the Prime Minister, had made a strong attack on all militants.
He described the four bombs as the worst incident in the whole of Ireland since the end of the last war. He said: "What does any man of violence in these islands hope to gain? For the blood of the innocent victims of last Friday's outrage, and of similar victims in the North and in England, is on the hands of every man who has fired a gun or discharged a bomb in the present campaign of violence, just as plainly as it is on the hands of those who park the cars and set the charges."



Conservative chorus: Delegates to the Conservative women's conference at the Central Hall, Westminster, yesterday singing the national anthem at the opening of the conference.

Later, the delegates heard Sir Geoffrey Howe, Opposition spokesman for social services, announce that he had set up "task forces" to review Conservative policy in that field (our Political Staff writes). He said this was not because the Opposition had doubts about its general approach; it was simply taking advantage of its period out of government to ensure that it was ready with clear policies for a social programme when it was returned to power.

the improvement of services for disabled, the provision of occupational therapy, the operation of the social work of the adequacy of provision for child care with the criminal law; the of benefits for sickness and old age; the financing of the NHS; the future of private medical practice; the tax credit scheme; the progressive removal of the earnings rule; the direct care of patients in their own homes or non-nursing homes; limited and selective drawings of labour would place on the authorities; the need for short period training branches would only their normal of action spreads; Men nurses, who have been one-hour stoppages, said day that they would their campaign; Nurses' Bristol hospital and at a full near Hill stopped work yesterday and 1 parts of the country, in Liverpool and Huddersfield; and work-to-rule strikes have been organized; Pay rise averts strike: A 4.5% rise in pay for 45,000 staff was called off last after the Co-operative staff Association had agreed to ignore pay increases of 4.5% and 5.4% a week in full Labour Staff writes; Co-operative societies: Board orders instruction to restrict the increases.

Mr Len Murray's attempt to lead march back to work is almost total failure

From a Staff Reporter Belfast
Mr Len Murray must have realized that his pathetic march was going to be a disaster when the soldiers and policemen on Queen's Quay began to outnumber the strike breakers at the shipyard gate.
The military were on the river side, the road bridge, the railway station forecourt and the pavements. Soldiers saw the prestige of Northern Ireland's trade unions evaporate in a welter of abuse, iron bolts and rotten tomatoes from an east Belfast mob.

Regiment of Wales stood between them; the first time in Northern Ireland that a mass of Protestants needed protection from another mass of Protestants.
There was a brigadier, too, and a colonel with a hook in place of a hand, who may have mused that this was one of the few occasions, perhaps the only one, when the Army would be called on to assist British trade unions in a demonstration. Mr Merlyn Rees, the Secretary of State, had promised them protection and the Army saw that they got it.

A woman spat into Mr Murray's face from close range and dozens of youths began lobbing pieces of iron piping into the crowd.
In three minutes, the heaving, shouting throng had reached the gates and the workers pushed through it, some shaking with relief. The shipyard security men struggled to close the great wrought-iron gates while two RIC constables in black and white uniforms tried to pull down a barricade in Connswater Street.

Petrol embargo likely to have devastating effect

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If Mr Rees's advisers had troubled to travel round Protestant districts in west Belfast, for example, they would have found that the paramilitary groups have organized themselves into brigades, set up social welfare organizations and strengthened dozens of road blocks.
At the end of the M1 motorway members of the Ulster Volunteer Force in black leather jackets manned a barricade of hijacked lorries.
At one point during the morning soldiers were standing on top of a Protestant barricade at the junction of Stave Avenue and Northbrook Street chatting to the strikers. The barricade was not the slightest attempt to open up the area.

were built and bus services still ran.
Today's agricultural show at Balmoral, on the outskirts of Belfast, has been cancelled, as have many school examinations because children have been unable to reach their classrooms for lack of transport. Postal services are almost at a standstill.
Harland and Wolff shipyard's are known to be losing at least £600,000 a week.
In many areas outside Belfast, in Londonderry, for example, shops were open as usual but the power cuts prevented almost all industrial work.
In several mainly Protestant towns and villages, however, were removed during the day, but in many districts there were warnings that because staff could not reach their offices, the social security system was facing collapse.

What has Austin Reed in common with Thomas Cook? See front page of the Out of Town Report today

Coroner says gunmen were 'monsters'
Major Hubert O'Neill the Londonderry Coroner, yesterday described as "monsters in human form" the gunmen who killed five men and wounded several others in a crowded public house.
He recorded open verdicts at an inquest on the five men who died in what he said was known as the "Top of the Hill Massacre", at Strahane Old Road, Waterside, in December, 1972.
He said: "This was nothing short of a horrible, sadistic, brutal murder." The men had been mowed down with a machine gun and pistol.
The murdered men were: Mr Michael John McGinley, aged 40, and Mr Charles McCafferty, aged 30, both of Anderson Crescent; Mr Bernard Kelly, aged 26, of Mimosa Court; Mr Frank McCarron, aged 58, of Strahane Old Road and Mr Charles Boyd Moore, aged 30, of Spoor Court. Eighteen children were left fatherless.

Belfast rioters steal police vehicle

Rioters stole a police vehicle during a riot in Ravenhill Road, and in Larne, on Monday night, a hundred Ulster Defence Association men in full uniform and carrying cudgels blocked off the town for a time.
There were reports again last night that several barricades had been voluntarily dismantled and there was some momentary relief in the agricultural business when the workers' council announced that it was classing animal foodstuffs as a essential service in the light of reports that poultry and animals were dying of starvation.
The embargo on oil and petrol, however, is likely to have a devastating effect. The council had suggested a restriction, it said, because of inexcusable statements by politicians at Westminster.
The arrival of 500 more soldiers from the 1st Battalion, The Light Infantry, on Monday night has apparently caused no qualms among the workers' council leaders. Yesterday they ignored the warning in the House of Commons by Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Defence, that more troops might have to be sent.
Four hundred soldiers are understood to be on standby in Britain and can be flown to Northern Ireland within three hours if the security situation should deteriorate.
For much of the day less than a third of the normal electricity supply was generated in the province, and bakers and dairies, which were allowed to continue their work unmolesied by the strikers, still found it difficult to produce enough food for Belfast.
There were long queues at nearly every bread-shop in the west of the city, and in Shaftesbury Square nearly 300 strikers queued to claim their social security benefits.
Scarcely any clothing or stationery shops were open in Belfast yesterday and only two of the big department stores stayed open.
In Roman Catholic areas life continued almost as normal. Shops stayed open, no barricades

Politician criticizes march security

The trade unions, after their signing of a security agreement, made no further comments about the council. Although they have often been praised for strong non-sectarian policies, the public demonstration this morning, which in all gathered only 250 men and women, suggested that they were unable to persuade their members to forget political policies.
There was criticism of the security arrangements for the march from Mr Robin Glendinning, organizer of the Alliance Party. Mr Rees, he said, could not expect people to "stand up and be counted" if they only cleared barricades from the roads for ten minutes at a time.
Mr Brian Garret, of the Northern Ireland Labour Party, with community leaders and doctors, repeated yesterday their hope that some contact could be made between the workers' council and Mr Rees's government supported by Mr Robin Glendinning, former Minister of Commerce in the old Stormont Government. The economy of Northern Ireland, he said, was "lapsing into a coma", the effects of which could be felt for many years.
A girl aged 12 was seriously wounded last night in an explosion in a house in Monagh Drive, on the Roman Catholic Andersonstown estate in Belfast. In the Antrim Road area a man was taken to hospital after being shot by a gunman in the Cherrymount Inn.

Rat-catcher's death a mystery

Mr Raymond King, a rat-catcher, died a month after he had gulped down a handful of poisonous pellets to show kitchen staff at a boys' school that they were harmless, an inquest at Truro, Cornwall, was told yesterday.
Tests showed, however, that he had died from a different poison, thallium. Mr Edward Caryon, the coroner, who received an open verdict, said: "I am inclined to discount the fact that he took this thallium deliberately to prove that it was harmless. I believe this is too far-fetched. None of the evidence shows that he said anything or did anything that would indicate that he might have taken a dose of thallium deliberately."
Dr James Barryman, who treated Mr King, aged 32, when he was taken ill, said he found that he had received psychiatric treatment in 1969 after trying to kill himself with a drug.
Mr James Keegan, general manager of Renold's Ltd, for whom Mr King worked, said he had never used thallium on behalf of the company.

Nurses to begin industrial campaign on Sunday

Nurses will begin a serious and determined campaign of industrial action on Sunday, it was announced yesterday. It will include "limited and selective withdrawals of labour" and "work-to-rule" branches would only their normal of action spreads; Men nurses, who have been one-hour stoppages, said day that they would their campaign; Nurses' Bristol hospital and at a full near Hill stopped work yesterday and 1 parts of the country, in Liverpool and Huddersfield; and work-to-rule strikes have been organized; Pay rise averts strike: A 4.5% rise in pay for 45,000 staff was called off last after the Co-operative staff Association had agreed to ignore pay increases of 4.5% and 5.4% a week in full Labour Staff writes; Co-operative societies: Board orders instruction to restrict the increases.

Weather forecast and recordings

Weather forecast and recordings section containing maps of the UK and Ireland, and tables of weather data for various locations including London, Edinburgh, and Glasgow.

Table with multiple columns listing weather reports for various locations such as London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and other cities, including temperature, wind, and cloud data.

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HOME NEWS

Mr Jenkins's long-term policy to cut prison population by more non-custodial methods

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, said yesterday that his long-term policy was to reduce the prison population markedly by means of more non-custodial treatment.

sentenced prisoners. On average as many as 4,500 are awaiting either trial or sentence, and many will not eventually receive a custodial sentence.

Mr Jenkins said there was still no substitute, however, for prisons as a means of protecting individuals and society generally from some kinds of serious crime.

Cash benefit sought for primary schools

By our Education Correspondent The Government was asked yesterday to restrict spending on higher education and devote the maximum proportion of resources to primary and secondary schools.

Ballot-box election for Cowley shop stewards

By Clifford Webb Midlands Industrial Correspondent The Transport and General Workers' Union has exonerated Mr Alan Thornett, the man at the centre of the strike at British Leyland's Cowley plant last month, finding no justification for the company's allegations against him.

Casual Civil Service staff seen as security risk

Casual staff in government departments had access to classified documents and photocopied confidential papers and letters, Mr Ronald Holder, a security liaison officer at the Department of the Environment, in London said yesterday.

In brief

TV chief hog inquiry is last

Mr John Freeman, chief executive of Weekend Television, said yesterday that he hoped an inquiry into his company's alleged failure to broadcast the last 10 years of its making television news would be allowed to do little interference as (our Arts Reporter writes) He thought no one in industry was very keen about the inquiry, summed up as a vast amount of time and money to the feeling that people have a future.

Call to stop EEC

The National Union of Women's Guilds, at a meeting in London, called on the Government to abandon its proposed European Economic Community because the country is not fully understood.

Delays on M5 link

Motorists travelling West Country from the east should continue to be delayed on the M5 link because of the opening of two lanes on the bridge, the Department of the Environment says.

Oxford college si

More than a hundred of Ruskin College, Oxford, occupying the college grounds, have failed to agree terms about a diploma.

Powell book by I

Dr Doogan Napal, grant Indian lecturer in biology at Bilton College, education, Staffordshire, is writing a biography of Powell in which he is showing that Mr Powell's racialist.

Silverware stolen

In the fourth count burglary in six days in a hurry, silverware worth several thousand pounds stolen yesterday from a house, home of Major Sir Robert Hinde.

Striptease banned

A striptease show at Anglia University has been banned by the students' union, a campaign by a women's group, forcing the ban and 175 against.

No verdict yet

For the second night the jury in the Westbury robbery case was sent to an hotel after reaching verdicts in the eight men.

Refinery protest t

Residents on Canvey Island, Essex, who are protesting a decision to allow two oil refineries to be built are to meet Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, on Tuesday.

Mass for the deaf

A version of the Mass in sign language is being held at the Catholic Information Centre closed yesterday.

Drive to end Act after Arrowsmith conviction

By Marcel Berlins Legal Correspondent A campaign to repeal the Incitement to Disaffection Act, launched by the National Council for Civil Liberties and Amnesty International (for whom Miss Arrowsmith worked) to Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary.

Gang members lose appeals

Members of a London East End gang, said at their trial to have been involved in the King Brothers protection racket yesterday lost appeals against their convictions and sentences of up to 12 years on charges including blackmail.

Mr Short rules out salary increase for MPs

By John Grosse Political Staff There will be no increase in MPs' salaries in the foreseeable future, Mr Short, Leader of the House, told the Commons yesterday that a salary review would not be right at present.

Woman must sit her finals in Holloway

Diane Gluck will sit her examinations for a degree in English at the end of the month while serving a 15-month jail sentence in Holloway. She failed to persuade the Court of Appeal yesterday that she should be released in time for her finals at London University.

10 pm rule urged for adult televis

Television programmes for adults should not be until after 10 pm, it protect children, the England suggested yesterday might be better if a procedure replaced the "authorities' rule", because children to stay up much later.

What has Koda in common with the R.S.P.C.A

See front page of the Out of Town Report today.

Nutty-brown faces and well cut tweeds stage diffident rates protest

By Arthur Osman London has seen more volatile demonstrations that staged yesterday by the ratpayers of Northamptonshire. But as from runner, as it were, for the usually passive and silent middle segment of Britain, it did a thoroughly commendable job.

was turning, at what speed it was impossible to discover, on rate reform and Mr Oakes, Under-Secretary of State, Department of the Environment, said: "What I can do to make sure that the formula for next year is infinitely better than the one for this year."

the amiable crocodile along Millbank might well have been followers of the Pynchley. Demonstration dress was well-cut tweeds, club ties and Rotary badges sparkling in the lapel.

county's MPs and leaders of both political parties on the county council went to Downing Street to hand in a joint letter. It spoke of the "extraordinary burdens" being imposed on the county's ratpayers, and requested additional government assistance "in support of the unique contribution being made by the county in aid of national policies for the relocation of population and employment."

posing heavy burdens on existing ratpayers. Mr Oakes told the marchers that he had much sympathy for the county, which had "an extra rate of population growth"; they could not be considered in isolation, but only with other areas in need. It was agreed that the existing rating system was archaic and we are looking at it with urgent attention.



The Times Awards for the best advertisement of a company's results to appear in 1974

PANEL OF JUDGES The Times is pleased to announce that the following members of the business community have kindly agreed to act as judges of the entries for The Times Awards. Chairman: Lord Shawcross, Chairman of the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers. Members: Michael Belmont, Cazenove and Company, Anthony Everett, Binder Hamlyn and Company, Edgar Palamoutain, The M & G Group, Sir Paul Reilly, Director of The Design Centre, Hugh Stephenson, Editor of The Times Business News.

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HOME NEWS

Tory move on closed shop 'a flight of fancy', Mr Foot says

By Our Parliamentary Staff
An Opposition amendment to the Trade Unions and Labour Relations Bill to abolish pre-emption closed shops was withdrawn in standing committee yesterday after Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, had described it as "utterly impracticable and another flight of idealistic fancy".

Changes in law for damage suits proposed

By Our Legal Correspondent
The Law Reform Committee has proposed changes that would make it easier for people to sue for damages for personal injuries received many years before.



Mould of heads of more than 2,000 of the famous and infamous from Madame Tussaud's have been transferred for safekeeping to Woolley Hole, Somerset, famous for its caves, where they can be studied by visitors.

Slogans and banners greet Kirk assembly

From Our Correspondent Edinburgh
About twenty members of the Twentieth-century Reformist Movement headed by Pastor Jack Glass, their leader, waved banners and shouted slogans as the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland opened in Edinburgh yesterday.

Pornography in the cowshed costs man £50,000

Eighteen tons of hard-core pornographic material was found in a cowshed in the stockbroker area of rural Surrey, it was stated at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

More graduates will have to take non-traditional jobs

By Tim Devlin Education Correspondent
More graduates will have to look for jobs in areas not traditionally associated with them, such as nursing and secretarial work, by the 1980s, according to a Department of Employment report published yesterday.

Some things you may want to know about Going Metric.

Virtually every country in the world is metric, or, like Britain, is changing to metric now. And with more and more metric labelled goods coming into the shops many people are asking "when is M-Day going to be?"

What has happened already? Many British firms have already successfully switched over to the metric system. Already the manufacturing, building and transport industries have largely completed the changeover and more and more of the changes are starting to be noticeable in the shops.

What else has happened? Many of the changes make no difference at all to the way you buy or use things. For instance cosmetics, shampoos and shaving creams are measured in metric already.

What are the metric measures? The three metric measures with which you are likely to be concerned in day-to-day life are the metre, the litre and the kilogram.

The metre. The litre. The kilogram. The metre is the basic metric measure of length. It is about 3 feet 3 inches. 10 centimetres equal roughly 4 inches.

Is everything changing? There are no plans at the moment to change the way you buy bottled milk or draught beer. For the time being petrol will continue to be sold by the gallon.

What is likely to happen next? From June 1974 most men's and women's clothing is being marked in both centimetres and inches together with the customary sizing. So is infants' and children's wear.

Where to get more information. More information is available from your local Trading Standards Officer or Consumer Protection Officer (Inspector of Weights and Measures), from your Citizens' Advice Bureau or your local Women's Institute or Rural Community Council.

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Ministry staff to study farms scheme

By Leonard Amey Agricultural Correspondent
Proposals for a re-structuring of the Agricultural Development and Advisory Service of the Ministry of Agriculture are to go to the staff side for discussion.

Battered boy's mother put on probation

The mother of a baby boy who died as a result of a blow to his stomach was put on probation yesterday for two years for ill-treating her child. A condition of 12 months' residence at a probation hostel was imposed at St Albans Crown Court on the mother, Janice Taylor, aged 21, of Penhill, Luton, Bedfordshire.

What has Wrigleys in common with Burmah Oil? See front page of the Out of Town Report today

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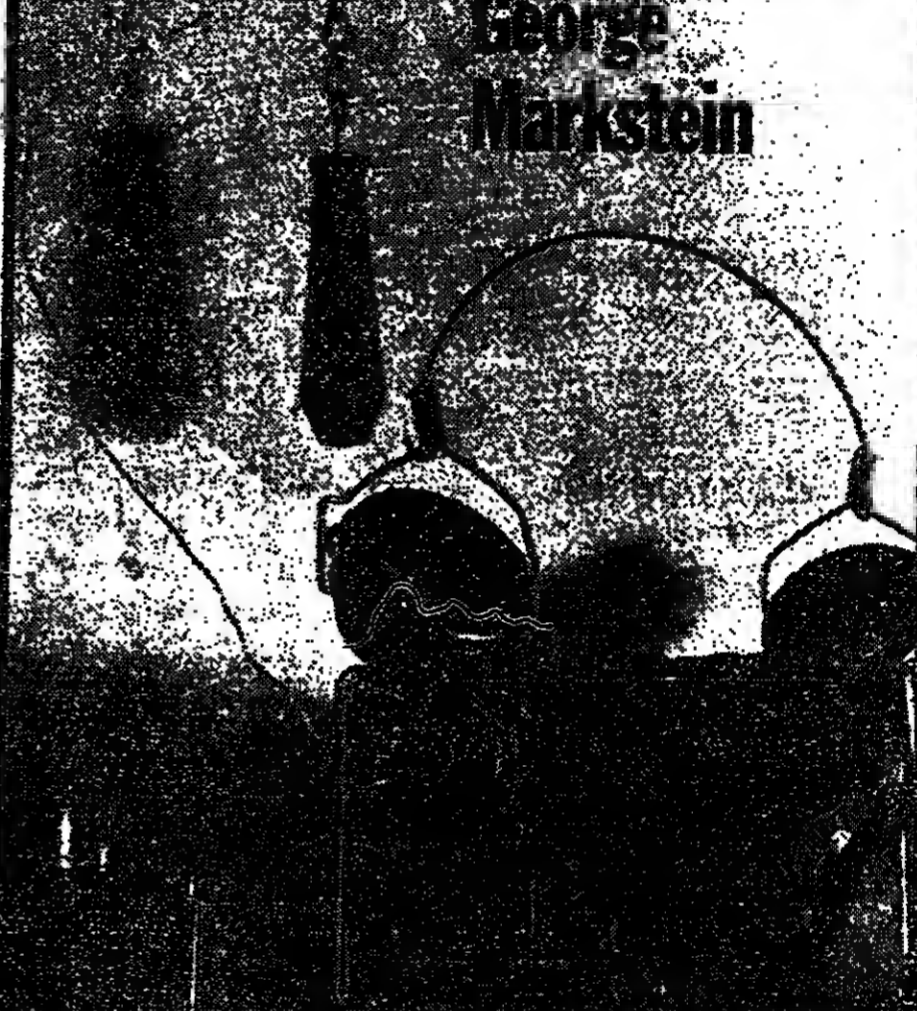
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WEST EUROPE

Gaullists lay plans to assert their power in the National Assembly and keep M Giscard to his promises

M Valéry Giscard d'Estaing has retired for 48 hours to a secret retreat in the Touraine countryside to rest after his presidential victory and prepare his future government. But both the Gaullists and the left have five warnings that things will not be necessarily made easy for him.

Assembly elected last year. Their warning shows that they are fully aware of their power and that they are likely to resist the new President's efforts to move towards the centre. In the National Assembly M Giscard d'Estaing's own party, the Independent Republicans, are only a small group of fewer than 100 members. This underlines the personal nature of the President-elect's endorsement by the electorate.



Elizabeth Taylor, flanked by Prince Rainier and Princess Grace, arrives for the gala presentation in Monaco of her film "Identikit".

Bonn Opposition back on defensive for the first time in a year

From Dan van der Vat Bonn, May 21 The West German opposition is on the defensive for the first time in a year, as the two-day debate on the new Administration's policy statement, which ended today, has shown.

The fall of Herr Brandt, the previous Chancellor, especially the discovery of a spy among his closest advisers. But it was Herr Franz-Josef Strauss, leader of the Opposition's Bavarian wing, who saw the danger of going too far along this path. He went out of his way to defend Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher who, as Interior Minister in the last Government, was responsible for security and came under fire when Herr Brandt felt obliged to resign.

tion of leadership has become a burning one for the Christian Democrats once more. A year ago, after the six-month depression which followed their election defeat, they chose a new parliamentary leader, Professor Karl Carstens, and a new chairman, Herr Helmut Kohl. What has not been resolved, however, is who will be the party's candidate for Chancellor in 1976.

Swedish gunman surrenders after talk with doctor

Göteborg, May 21—A young gunman surrendered to police today after his doctor talked him into coming out of the chemist's shop where he was holding five women hostages. The gunman was identified by one of the hostages who threw a piece of paper with his name written on it through an open window. Police were then able to contact the doctor who had been giving the man psychiatric treatment.

EEC talks on Italy's farm trade measures delayed

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, May 21 The French Government today asked for a further delay in the European Community's planned meeting of ministers of agriculture to discuss the disruption of farm trade between Italy and the rest of the Community. The request, which would postpone the meeting from next Monday to Thursday, is expected to be approved by France's partners in the EEC. The request was made because M Giscard d'Estaing is not appointing his cabinet until early next week.

Our Northern Industrial Correspondent writes: The beef importing trade is asking the Government to opt out of the EEC regulation restricting frozen beef imports. The trade says the regulation could bankrupt many small British importers and shut off supplies from traditional sources. The regulation requires British importers buying frozen beef from sources such as Argentina, Australia, and Brazil to import an equivalent amount from the EEC's stockpile of intervention beef. The Council of Ministers were to meet in Brussels last night to discuss the issue. Britain's main objections are that the EEC frozen beef is inferior to that from traditional sources and that the need for it to be thawed, boned and refrozen carries the risk of infection.

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By David Blake Brussels, May 21 A call for the European Community to adopt a more realistic attitude to the division of functions between itself and member states was made yesterday by Mr. George Thomson, Commissioner for Regional Development, speaking to the American Chamber of Commerce in London. Mr. Thomson said that West Europe was faced with the end of the post-war era in which commodities were in plentiful supply and growth was easy to obtain.

Terrorists bargain over kidnapped prosecutor

From Our Correspondent Milan, May 21 The terrorist organization calling itself the Red Brigades said today that Signor Mario Sossi, the Italian prosecutor kidnapped a month ago, was safe and in good health. It added that he would be freed one day after the release of eight terrorists serving sentences of from 10 years to life imprisonment in Italian jails, and after they had been allowed to seek political asylum in the Cuban Embassy in Vatican City. The brigade left two messages in a mailbox in Genoa and a local newspaper was told over the telephone where they could be found.

Man dies after three road crashes in day

Rome, May 21—Signor Biagio di Crescenzo, a 40-year-old man, died twice in one day, but could not manage to do it a third time. He was driving his car yesterday morning near Fondi, about 60 miles east of Rome, when it skidded off the road and hit a tree. A passing motorist took him to the Fondi hospital. Doctors decided he was so seriously injured that he had to be taken to Rome for treatment. A few miles outside Fondi, the ambulance collided with a car coming from the opposite direction. Another motorist took Signor Crescenzo to the Latina hospital, where he was placed in a second ambulance. Ten miles from Latina, the ambulance skidded and hit an oncoming car. Five people were injured, one critically. Biagio di Crescenzo was dead.—Agence France-Press.

Lisbon left protests at leaders' Brazil exile

From Nicholas Ashford Lisbon, May 21 The decision by the Portuguese military junta to allow Dr Caetano, the former Prime Minister, and ex-President Tomás to go into exile in Brazil has brought strong protests from left-wing parties in the Government, including the Communist Party. Dr Caetano and Admiral Tomás were flown to Brazil yesterday after spending three and a half weeks in captivity on the island of Madeira.

Meanwhile, there were signs that the wave of industrial unrest which has been afflicting a number of industries since April 25 coup may be set down. Workers at the big I. nave shipyard were due to vote the management late today. It was reported that agreements were near on the main points issue between the two sides. Several other industries were reported to be returning to normal, but in Oporto in the north of the country there was a big demonstration involving 20,000 metal workers.

Independence is predicted for Mozambique in 1975

From Henry Kamm Lourenço Marques, May 21 The Minister in charge of Portugal's overseas territories said today that he expected Mozambique to become independent next year. Dr Antonio Almeida Santos, Minister of Interterritorial Coordination said a referendum would be held within a year. There is no doubt that the majority of the people of Mozambique will choose independence.

Meanwhile, the Brazil Government promised permanent protection will be given the two men, who will remain under protective guard in a secret residence in Rio de Janeiro. The two men will be kept over 30 future residences.—Reuters.

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models of how integration could be achieved, and cited it as an example of a target which could not be achieved. Mr. Thomson's analysis of the Community's pragmatic attitude towards the whole process of European integration, symptomatic of the change in thinking which has occurred among many officials in Brussels. He also applied a pragmatic approach to the present of Britain's renegotiation of the terms of EEC membership. He argued that the main issue in the talks was the question how far were the present rules governing Britain's contribution to the Community's budget. Bonn, May 21—Sir Christopher Soames, the EEC's External Relations Commissioner today called on the new leaders of Britain, France and Germany to act decisively in hard times that lie ahead for the Community. In a speech to the Gen Society for Foreign Policy, he said: "The new leaders of Europe will be called to that decisive leadership which can only come from head and of government."

Two Basque separatists die in police ambush

From Our Correspondent Madrid, May 21 Police dressed as hippies ambushed a suspected Basque separatist guerrilla group at a beach near San Sebastián, killing two of them and capturing at least one, it was reported in Madrid today. There were conflicting reports about whether a fourth member of the group, which called itself the "Basque Liberation Army", had been captured or not. A young French girl who apparently had crossed the border legally by car also was arrested in connexion with the case. The disguised policemen stalked out the beach early on Monday morning, apparently after receiving a tip-off that members of the outlawed ETA separatist organization would try to land there on a launch coming from a French port. They were joined by two uniformed men, one of whom was a military Civil Guard, who normally patrol Spain's coasts.

Teams' contest at bridge opens in Venice

From a Bridge Correspondent Venice, May 21 The world teams bridge championship opened today with countries competing: Italy, defending champions, Pa representing Europe, India for the Far East, Brazil for America, New Zealand for Antipodes and North America represented by players from United States and Canada. The teams will meet other twice during the next days. Two will be eliminated and the four remaining will play semi-finals and a final match. A part of the results in the Round Robin stage will be carried forward to the semi-final and final of a new departure. Matches in the opening today were Italy v France, Indonesia, Brazil v New Zealand.

Poor response to proposal for curb on TV pirates

From David Cross Brussels, May 21 New steps to outlaw the pirating of television programmes sent by satellite were completed in Brussels today. But success will depend on how many nations agree to implement the rules of a new draft convention elaborated during a two-week international diplomatic conference here. At the end of the meeting, a mere 15 countries, including the United States, West Germany, Switzerland and Italy, were willing to sign the new agreement. Other member governments among about 60 nations taking part, including Britain, have reservations about the efficacy of the new agreement.

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In its final form, the convention binds contracting states "to take adequate measures to prevent the distribution of any programme-carrying signal by any distributor for whom the signal emitted to, or through, the satellite is not intended." Such contracts are deemed necessary to protect broadcasting organizations from piracy, which is already technically fairly easy between earth stations and satellites in point-to-point transmissions. If broadcasters cannot protect themselves against piracy, the audience, able to receive their programmes could become so large as to make the costs of programme licensing prohibitive, supporters of the convention argue.

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OVERSEAS

Warnings by Nato and US over risk of Greek-Turkish clash follow Athens rearmament reports

on Mario Mediano Athens, May 21 Nato and the United States urged Greece and Turkey to let their differences reach a stage of confrontation...

articles on both sides of the Aegean. In fact, what is intensifying Western concern is that the Greek-Turkish crisis appears to be moving on two parallel planes...

bound to have a palliative effect. It is against this desultory background that the Greek regime has been negotiating with France and the United States for the acquisition of advanced weapons systems...

Journalists arrested after Lahore protest

From Our Correspondent Rawalpindi, May 21 Police in Lahore today arrested 24 journalists and other newspaper workers who attempted to stage a hunger strike outside the Punjab assembly building...

Among those arrested were the president of the Punjab Union of Journalists, Mr I. H. Raashed, and several members of the staff of the Urdu-language newspaper Musawat (Equality) owned by Begum Bhutto...

Australian election results still depend on postal votes Whitlam hopes rise and fall with count

From Our Correspondent Melbourne, May 21 The latest election figures today did little to clarify the Australian political situation. The Government's position worsened slightly as postal votes were counted in several doubtful seats...

Mr Bill Sneddon, leader of the Liberal Party, said tonight he did not claim victory yet, nor did he concede defeat. He was not interested in speculation, only in the votes counted.

redistributed until there is a clear winner. The House system has apparently claimed a notable victory in Mr Al Grassby, the flamboyant Immigration Minister, who has so far polled 20,721 votes.

Concern in Geneva over Indian A-test

From Our Correspondent Geneva, May 21 The Indian delegate, Mr Brajesh Misra, told the 25-nation disarmament conference today that his country, while intending to utilize nuclear weapons for peaceful purposes...

Be this as it may, the delegates of Canada, Japan and Sweden made the point that the technology involved was virtually the same whether an underground test was for peaceful or for military aims.

Government signs Thailand

Bangkok, May 21—The Prime Minister of Thailand, Mr Sanya arnaskul, and his Cabinet, today submitted their resignation to King Bhumibol Aduldej.

Panovs want a friendly welcome for Bolshoi

By Kenneth Gosling Arts Reporter Actors of the Prospect Theatre Company who returned from a five-week tour of the Soviet Union, sponsored by the British Council, yesterday described a visit to the home of Valery and Galina Panov...

Bolshoi Ballet, whose visit to Britain next month has been opposed by Equity, the actors' union, should be given a friendly welcome.

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Commonwealth summit to be held in Jamaica

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent The next Commonwealth Summit conference will be held at Kingston, Jamaica, from April 29 to about May 9 next year. This was agreed yesterday at a conference of senior Commonwealth officials at Marlborough House.

Bishops ask churches not to finance terrorists

From Our Correspondent Salisbury, May 21 Two Anglican Bishops in Rhodesia have pleaded with the World Council of Churches not to give financial aid to terrorist organizations.

The Right Rev Paul Burrough, Bishop of Mashopoland, and the Right Rev Mark Wood, Bishop of Matabeleland, set a letter today to the Council headquarters in Geneva reminding officials there that they had not received a reply in a similar letter sent in January, 1973.

have killed 87 civilians in this country", says the letter. "Far and away the majority of these have been Africans innocent of any offence and most have been killed with great brutality. Others have been abducted, raped, beaten and disfigured."

Syphilis victims get free care

Montgomery, Alabama, May 21—The survivors of about 600 American black syphilis victims who had been notated since 1932 have been granted free medical care for the rest of their lives.

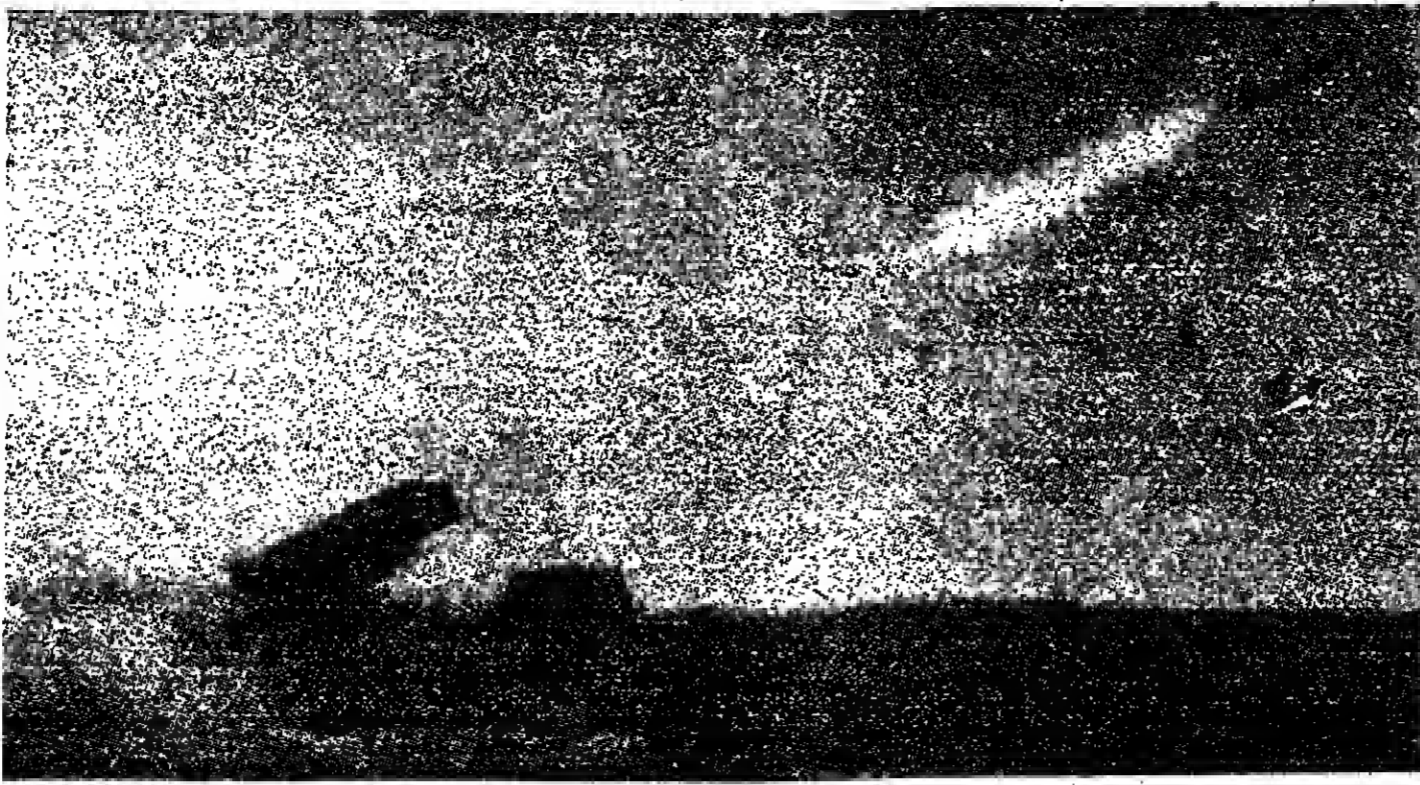
Gateway to the north, south, east and west. Get there fast by rail. Drive when you arrive. Rail Drive advertisement featuring a self-drive car rental kiosk and contact information for Birmingham, Manchester, and Glasgow.

OVERSEAS

Kissinger warning on excessive optimism over peace prospects

From Paul Martin Beirut, May 21 The fluctuating fortunes of Dr Henry Kissinger's search for disengagement on the Golan Heights appear to have taken a slight turn. Although the American Secretary of State had earlier expressed optimism over an accord between Syria and Israel that was tempered by a note of caution today.

ever the fact that it chose to publicly underline the "linkage" question at this stage is evidence that this key issue is as yet unresolved. The Syrians have made it clear that they are satisfied with the initial withdrawal proposals. However President Hafez Assad has also made it clear to Dr Kissinger that such a withdrawal by Israel with all its demands in return from Syria would be meaningless unless it was linked to a more general Israel withdrawal.



A Syrian missile is launched against Israeli military positions during a flare-up of fighting this week on the Golan Heights.

rate reports which exaggerated Israel was believed ready to make. This, he is reported to have said, was making his job difficult as it had led to further demands by President Assad.

has raised and lowered the temperature by dropping unofficial hints attributed to "a senior official" on his aircraft. For the rest, correspondents have had to rely on occasional guarded briefings by Mr Anderson and Mr Peres and on the Secretary of State's hypochlorites. From these, and information filtered through sources close to the negotiators, the picture today is that Dr Kissinger

hopes for the signing of a draft agreement by the weekend, after which the scene will shift to Geneva where the formal accord will also be signed by American and Russian representatives.

Wafa said 12 Israeli aircraft raided areas in Tyre province. It quoted a guerrilla spokesman as saying rockets, machine-guns, napalm and gas bombs were used.

Patricia Hearst hunt shifts after motel tip

Los Angeles, May 21—The hunt for Miss Patricia Hearst and her two Symbionese Liberation Army companions shifted to the arid valleys north of here tonight as a resident there told police the three had asked him directions to a motel.

Prescription for Atlantic links

Continued from page 1 There were some who still had to be convinced that this was where their best interests lay in deepening United States-European exchanges beyond periodic conversations between the European Community as a whole and the Americans. He did not underestimate the problems of future relationships but the men now at the helm had such wide experience he believed all would see the need for close partnership.

through referendum than election. This was not meant to suggest that the possibility of an election had receded, he told a questioner. "We've got to keep them (the Opposition) on the hop."

Between them the United States and Europe possessed tremendous strength and influence but they had to pull together. Reciprocity, of course, was the key. "Europe must play with the Americans and the United States will equally feel an obligation to exercise the three Cs. This has not always been the case in the past."

British work for Chilean air force to be ended

By Our Political Staff The dispute over the supply of arms to the Chilean regime erupted in the Commons yesterday with the announcement by the Prime Minister that the overhaul of aircraft engines and the supply of spares by Rolls-Royce will be discontinued within three months.

Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary and this year's party chairman, has already told the national executive that this is impossible, but this view will not stop the party's international committee reopening the discussion today.

Prosecutor demands that the White House should not whittle away his right to arraign Mr Nixon



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From Our Own Correspondent Washington, May 21 The following is the text of the letter sent yesterday to Mr James Eastland, chairman of the Senate Judiciary committee, by Mr Leon Jaworski, the Watergate special prosecutor.

When I appeared before your committee during the hearings on the nomination of the Honourable William Saxbe, to be Attorney General, I assisted the committee in response to a question by Senator Byrd that I would inform the committee of an attempt by the President to circumvent or restrict or limit the jurisdiction or independence of the special prosecutor. I am constrained to advise you and the members of your committee, persons with whom I consider myself to be in a relationship of trust and confidence, made when I testified at hearings before your committee on the special prosecutor Bill, that in recent days these events have occurred.

Following the issuance of a subpoena for White House tapes to the President, the Attorney General of the United States v Mitchell, et al (which are needed for prosecution purposes and perhaps to comply with the act of the defendant under Supreme Court rulings), the President through his counsel, filed a motion to quash the subpoena.



Mr Jaworski, Watergate special prosecutor: "Full right to sue."

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Of course, under Mr St Clair's approach, this would make the assurance of the right to take the President to court an idle and empty one. Counsel to the President, by asserting that ultimately I am subject to the President's discretion in questioning, is attempting to undermine the independence carefully set forth in the guidelines, which were reassured upon my appointment with the expressed understanding that the President had chosen to resolve this issue by judicial determination and not by a unilateral executive or congressional power, is evidence of the President's good faith.

It is clear to me that you and the members of your committee, who were familiar with the public announcements of the President in connection with the Watergate case, did not construe them in so meaningless a manner (as is evident by the above referred to statements in questioning) as to have pounded to me, and neither did I.

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Jail for man who gave Watergate order

From Patrick Brogan Washington, May 21 Mr J. Magruder, the man who ordered the Watergate burglary, was sentenced to between 10 months and four years in jail today. Ten months is the minimum he will serve. His exact term will be decided by the probation authorities.

Mr Magruder was director of the Committee to Reelect the President (Creep) when the surveillance and burglary plan was first put forward at his urging, and was deputy director when it was carried out. He played an active role in the cover-up, perjuring himself to the police, the prosecutors and the grand jury. He was rewarded by being put in charge of the arrangements for President Nixon's second inauguration in January, 1973, and was then made Assistant Secretary of Commerce. He had wanted to start a career in public life by running for the governorship of California, but was dissuaded by the White House.

A large vertical advertisement on the right side of the page, featuring various art exhibitions and galleries. Text includes: "ART EXHIBITIONS", "ANTONIO'S PORCE", "A LOAN EXHIBITION", "FETTER DE WHITT'S SCULPTURES FROM MALDEN", "ALAN JACOBS GALLERY", "ALEXANDER GALLERY", "ALEXIS WORTH", "ALAN JACOBS GALLERY", "ALEXANDER GALLERY", "ALEXIS WORTH", "ALEXANDER GALLERY", "ALEXIS WORTH", "ALEXANDER GALLERY", "ALEXIS WORTH".

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Table listing various theatrical productions, including 'A AND BALLET', 'THEATRES', 'CONCERTS', and 'ART EXHIBITIONS'.

THE ARTS

First-fruits of Cannes

A film festival is not a film festival... Cannes is so far doing quite well in this respect...

The action has prevented any repeat showings of the film... Makavejev's film is a collage style, juxtaposing the two parallel anecdotes of Miss World 1984...

The British films in the main competitive section... The film achieves more: the images become to a mysterious way an extension of Hockney's own vision...



Bernard Miles Photograph by Donald Cooper

The Great Society Mermaid Charles Lewsen The Great Society of Beverly Cross... different from that of the historical. However, with his dramatic...

Fritz Busch and Idomeneo

Sometime in January, 1951, with snow lying over the Glyde-bourne lawns... In the event, Fritz Busch's interpretative approach to Mozart...

It could certainly be said that our aim in that room was first of all to play the opera without "Mozartiana"... I recall the increasing excitement in the room as Busch...

Belgian Chamber Orchestra Queen Elizabeth Hall Paul Griffiths

The Redcliffe Concerts, celebrating this season their twenty-fifth anniversary... The other new work was Francis Routh's Cello Concerto...

Steeleye Span Albert Hall Robert Shelton

Two fine hip-traditional groups, radiant with musicianship and absurd with imagination... Meanwhile, Steeleye Span mostly progresses, but occasionally falters...

Fritz Busch (left) with Ina Souez and Salvatore Baccaloni in 1936

John Pritchard Twenty-three years after Fritz Busch's death, his name is remembered and revered in Glydebourne, Dresden, Vienna, Scandinavia, the United States...



Fritz Busch (left) with Ina Souez and Salvatore Baccaloni in 1936

The Good Companions Academy wins Mozart for Her Majesty's prize

The Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields, director Neville Martin, has been awarded the Wiener Flötenuhr 1974 for its recordings of the complete wood concertos of Mozart (1707-020)...

Table listing cinema listings under the heading 'CINEMAS'.

Advertisement for 'OLNAGH'S Exhibition of OLD MASTER PAINTINGS'.

Advertisement for 'Waddington Graphics'.

Table listing names of artists such as HOCKNEY, FRANCIS, JOHNS, KELLY, RAUSCHENBERG, BRAQUE, DUBUFFET, GIACOMETTI, MARINI, MATISSE, MIRO, PICASSO.

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PARLIAMENT May 21, 1974

Ban on aero engine overhauls and aircraft spares for Chile: Mr Heath attacks 'capitulation to the left'

House of Commons
MR HAROLD WILSON, Prime Minister (Huyton, Lab), announced further decisions regarding the supply of arms to Chile and South Africa, said:
The Government have completed their review of the contracts covering the overhaul of aero engines and the supply of engine spares for Rolls-Royce (1971) Ltd, to the Chilean Air Force and have been in touch with Rolls-Royce so far as concerns the contract between the company and the Chileans provides for termination on three months' notice.

about the supply of submarines and other naval equipment?
MR WILSON—Mr Heath referred to contempt. If that is his argument, nothing brought this country more into contempt than the Chilean revolution. (Labour cheers and Conservative laughter.) If front benches oppose got the information, we got about the Chilean revolution. The supporters of Allende, they would not regard it as a laughing matter.

months' work on the overhaul of engines over here? In other words, as a result of the further capitulation, will Mr Scanlon tell the workers that they must wait for three months?
MR WILSON—The question of ships was dealt with by the Foreign Secretary a few weeks ago. What he then announced remains the position.

MR FLANNERY (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab)—It is in the traditions of the Conservative Party that they do so readily support the fascist Chilean junta.
MR WILSON—There were many European countries including some members of the European Community and others outside, who took a different line about the availability of their technology for the building of ships from persecution and murder. We have changed their role.

cerned to attack Mr Scanlon than he ever was to attack the Chilean dictatorship. (Labour cheers.) He has got to justify this one day.
MR ADLEY (Christchurch and Lynton, C)—Where is Mr Callaghan?
MR WILSON—He is in Washington, and he will not come back in Mao Tse-tung uniform, either. (Laughter.)

Corporation tax rise should not dissuade firms from investing

The Finance Bill was further considered in committee.
On Clause 7 (Charge of corporation tax for financial year 1975).
MR MACMILLAN (Farnham, C) moved an amendment to reduce the proposed rate from 52 to 50 per cent.
He said, the Chancellor (Mr Healey) had stated that no one believed that "profit" was a dirty word and the Government were not going to see that investment was not endangered. The Chancellor had indicated that he would give a boost to demand if the economy was becoming too depressed.

ment and the country that the private sector should be successful. If the Government had believed that the increase in corporation tax would have caused them to withdraw, they would not have planned it.
There was an availability of export opportunities as British manufacturing goods were being competitively marketed abroad. It was an opportunity to improve the rate of growth in the future. That was the influence, but the decisions would be made by industry and it was not the Government's account of this new situation.
No evidence
There was no evidence of a serious liquidity problem. If there was, the Government would have taken account of it. The Chancellor had wished them to assist where necessary, with investment and stock building. There might be a danger of a bank run, but the Government hoped the banks would take account of that.

Government open mind on inflation accounting

On Clause 7 (Charge of corporation tax for financial year 1975).
MR PARSONS (North Cornwall, C) moved an amendment to the clause read that corporation tax should be charged for financial year 1975 at the 52 per cent on profits calculated on the basis of the value of the retail price since the date of purchase.
He said they were debating the issue of inflation accounting. The fraud inherent in company profits. It was the overall debate on inflation that it was specifically a fraud inherent in the cost of the effect that the p-accounting system would have on the investor and industrial return. The Government had to take account of the change in the price index over the year. It was not to leave them in a position where they were in a worse state, worse still, when they were 2 years in arrears. The Government had to take account of the effect that the p-accounting system would have on the investor and industrial return. The Government had to take account of the change in the price index over the year. It was not to leave them in a position where they were in a worse state, worse still, when they were 2 years in arrears.

If violence worsens more troops will go

MR GOW (Eastbourne, C) asked the Secretary of State for Defence what were the total strengths of the armed forces in Ulster on January 1, 1974, and on the latest available date.
MR MASON—The strength of the regular armed forces engaged on security in Northern Ireland on January 1, 1974, was approximately 15,500. Recent reinforcements have been temporarily brought through on January 1, 1974, including women members, on January 1 and May 15, was 7,927 and 7,754 respectively.
MR GOW—I can confirm that the level of British troops in Ulster is not below the level for which the Commander-in-Chief has asked.

MP's not to get pay rise but allowances for secretaries to be reviewed

MR SHORT, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House (Newcastle upon Tyne, Central, Lab), said in a statement:
The House has recently considered the matter of members' remuneration, in response to many representations from both sides of the House. The present levels of parliamentary salary and allowances were fixed by the House in 1972, following the report on ministers' and MPs' remuneration made by the Top Salaries Committee. The House has recently considered the matter of members' remuneration, in response to many representations from both sides of the House. The present levels of parliamentary salary and allowances were fixed by the House in 1972, following the report on ministers' and MPs' remuneration made by the Top Salaries Committee.

Providing help for adult illiterates

MR CHRISTOPHER PRICE (Leicester, Lab) was given leave to bring in the Adult Literacy Resources Bill which establishes a council to direct and coordinate the provision of help into the extent and causes of illiteracy among adults; develop and coordinate literacy teaching methods; and make other provision to combat functional illiteracy among adults; and provide for a supplementary system of local education authorities, and to establish a grants fund from which such grants might be made.
The Bill would create an important shift in educational resources that would have to be made over the next few years. It would provide a new source of funding for the provision of a few local education authorities could take over the task which voluntary agencies had been doing.

Refusal to exempt small businesses

On Clause 10 (Payments in addition to advance corporation tax due to financial year 1974).
MR DAVID MITCHELL (Basingstoke, C) moved an amendment to the clause requiring companies to give the Government an interest-free loan of the same amount as half of its advance corporation tax.
The real problem of the small business sector was that of restriction of growth imposed by excessive taxation leading to a loss of business. The Government was not taking account of the special problems of smaller businesses. The Government was not taking account of the special problems of smaller businesses. The Government was not taking account of the special problems of smaller businesses.

Councils get power to standardize dustbins

Lord Dunsford-Sandys was introduced.
The Council of Pollution Bill was considered on report.
On Clause 12 (Dustbins, etc.).
LORD GARNSWORTHY, Lord in Waiting, moved an amendment which would give local authorities power to regulate the provision of domestic dustbins.
In view of the strength of feeling expressed earlier in the House, the Government had decided a collecting authority could follow three possible courses.
It would be able to provide a receptacle free of charge, provide a receptacle with a charge if the householder agreed, or require a household to provide its own receptacle.

Ulster strike differs from those on strikes law

MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab), during questions about the Prime Minister's speech at Glasgow on May 5 about Government policy towards the press, said:
In that speech were not the Prime Minister's words that there was a clear intention of the press and Tory backbenchers to make the Labour Government unwelcome in the country? If that is the case, has not the Prime Minister got an obligation to the party and the supporters outside to seek a fresh and Government would this year.

Private Bills

The following private Bills were read the third time:
Morpeth (Northumberland) Local Board of Hygiene, Burial Ground, Orkney County Council, Spanish and Portuguese Jews (Golders Green) Burial Ground, and International, London Transport, and United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution.
More recruits
MR MASON, Secretary of State for Defence, said in reply to a question:
The Defence has been successful in recruiting first class recruits in the past. It is too soon to predict how the situation might develop.

Secrets for those who need to know

MR WILLIAM HAMILTON (Central Fife, Lab) asked why the Prime Minister refused to publish the details of the arrangements paid to the staff of Dr Donoghue's unit.
MR HAROLD WILSON (Huyton, Lab) I have already informed the House of the total cost of the arrangements for the salaries of Dr Donoghue's unit.
MR BRUCE GARDYNE (South Angus, C)—So that the taxpayers can know what they are getting for the £35,000, will he tell us if any members of the political mafia feature with some of the junior ministers as those to whom sensitive information is to be denied for security reasons?
MR WILSON—His question would be relevant if the story this morning were true. There has been no change in the arrangements for the salaries of Dr Donoghue's unit. It is not known who is going on in Northern Ireland. (Labour cheers.)

Parliamentary No

MR JOHN, Under Secretary for the R.A.F., stated in reply to a question:
The R.A.F. has a three-day week and planned this back on that beach. There is no difference between the two and he knows it.
MR HEATH—I understand that when the Government are really in a bind, they are in Northern Ireland, they are forced to stand, and when it is in Opposition position, they will always be in Opposition in this country and to intimidation. (Conservative cheers.)
MR WILSON—Mr Heath has always said that the R.A.F. has a three-day week and planned this back on that beach. There is no difference between the two and he knows it.

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SPORT Football



Peters tries a header at White Hart Lane last night

Feyenoord earn a priceless draw

By Geoffrey Green Football Correspondent Tottenham Hotspur 2 Feyenoord 2 After six years on these shores the UEFA Cup looks to be on its way to the Netherlands...

through the Tottenham defence to shoot splendidly to the far corner from a sharp angle. That is how football should be played. It was a lively second half but after the interval Tottenham showed their poor league form in this competition for the first time...

Rugby Union Lions forwards need time to settle, Millar says

Wellington, May 21.—The British Lions rugby selectors seem to have chosen a team full of potential for tomorrow's game against the Boland Bulls. Their choice underlines the desire of the coach Sydney Millar, and the manager, Alan Thomas, to select a few South African players...

Olympic Games S Africa in fear of losing all contact with IOC

Johannesburg, May 21.—South Africa's efforts to gain readmission to the Olympic Games have met with little response. In a report, to be tabled at the association's annual meeting next month, the South African Olympic and National Games Association (SAONGA) said the International Olympic Committee (IOC) had refused to allow South Africa to rejoin the Olympic movement...

Golf Miss Everard toppled by a lightweight

By Peter Ryde Golf Correspondent Five of the six seeds in the English women's golf championship won their first-round matches yesterday. Only Miss Everard, winner of the championship two years ago, came to grief among the top contenders...

Card of course

Table with 5 columns: Hole, Yds, Par, Hole, Yds, Par. It lists scores for the first round of the Curtis Cup.

Par bettered by only one player

Suzanne Cadden (Cardross), scored a 74 to lead the first round qualifying scores in the Scottish women's championship at Nairn yesterday. The 16-year-old Scottish girl international was the only player to break par in the windy conditions...

England not seeking tactical change

By Geoffrey Green England's footballers tonight face the second of five opponents who will be using Joe Mercer's men as a sounding board for the World Cup. This time the stage will be Wembley (7.45) and the opposition Argentina, who are in World Cup Group 4 with Italy, Poland and Brazil...

Scottish coach confident

Malmö, May 21.—Europe's 16 leading junior football teams meet in the UEFA international youth championship this week. Britain are represented by teams from Wales and Scotland. The group will kick off at different grounds in southern Sweden tomorrow evening to decide who will play in the final here on May 31...

Boxing Conteh wins in sixth but nearly oversteps line of fair play

By Neil Allen Boxing Correspondent John Conteh retained his European, British and Commonwealth light-heavyweight titles at the Empire Pool Wembley last night when Chris Finnegan, whom he beat with these championships, made one error and was sent by the referee back to his corner with a blood-meared face after two minutes 25 seconds of the sixth round...



Conteh finding his distance with a left to Finnegan's head

was trying to tell him there was no cut by the eye. As soon as I saw the cut I wondered where it had come from. How can a punch open a cut on one eye and a half-inch laceration on top of the temple above the right ear? After the bell at the end of the fifth, John was over-enthusiastic and he could not reach after the bell. Obviously he would have liked to finish the fight with one hand but cut out but there was no chance of that...

Conteh said he was sorry the way the championship had ended and he admitted he had been a bit over-enthusiastic. He said he must time myself and pace myself better. Any return with Chris will be up to my manager as I must be in the best of health. The professional father of Alan Minter, a bronze medal winner in the 1972 Munich Olympics, must be asked to referee the fight. Another defeat through a cut eye, Minter was sent back to his corner after two minutes 25 seconds of the third round against Ricky Ortiz from New York...

Tennis Bertolucci's survival a welcome relief

By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent The British hard-court tennis championships ran into all sorts of trouble at Bournemouth yesterday. Low Hand dropped out of the singles and the doubles, leaving a troublesome back; Marcello Lara was scratched because he did not turn up in time; and Adriano Panatta caused a fuss by withdrawing from the doubles because he could not come to Rome to prepare for the Italian championships; and Omay Parun, Sharon Walsh, Pat Pretorius, and Chris Cadden were the victors in the singles...

Men's singles

First round J. Kuznetsov (USSR) vs. L. A. Bond (Australia) 6-2, 6-2, 6-2. G. L. HALL (France) vs. R. A. Lewis (GB) 6-3, 6-3, 6-3. Second round J. C. PANGLOSS (Australia) vs. P. J. Cramer (USA) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. M. J. F. MORRIS (USA) vs. M. N. J. O'Rourke (GB) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Women's singles

First round M. J. A. PERRY (GB) vs. M. S. A. GIBB (GB) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. Second round M. J. A. PERRY (GB) vs. M. S. A. GIBB (GB) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

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SPORT

Boycott and Greig seem ruled out of MCC tour leadership

John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent... The fact that he has not been getting many runs...

With Birmingham and Hayes playing for the Rest, the only member of England's victorious side...

In England, Knight gets the chance as the young all-rounder... Smith and Radley score consistently...

Racing

Appleby Fair can justify prominent position in ante-post Derby betting

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent... The main point of interest at Goodwood is the second appearance this season of Appleby Fair...

A look at the runners in the paddock coupled with a glance at the betting boards... Appleby Fair must cope with his opposition in the Predominate Stakes...

Goodwood today accommodates jockeys of limited experience... The 2000 Guineas was won by Appleby Fair...

By Jim Spow Northern Racing Correspondent... The past few weeks have seen a steady improvement in the form of the two-year-olds...

finished third to a £1,000 apprentice handicap at Newmarket... The winner was the Cherry Hinton Stakes...

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Table with 3 columns: Race Name, Horses, Odds. Includes 5.30 WOODWAY HOTELS STEEPLECHASE, 6.00 RULPIN HURDLE.

Denness leaves his declaration too late

John Woodcock... MCC had failed to declare Denness in time for the first Test...

Arnold's opening over, and only Solkar was able to slip the pace... Denness was bowled out for 43...

tor, Jack Bond, that he is a particularly good player of spin bowling... Denness was bowled out for 43...

Under-25 competition... Yorkshire won by 100 runs... Lancashire won by 100 runs...

Today's cricket... Northants v Warwickshire... Essex v Hampshire...

Second XI competition... Wembley v Wotton... Wotton v Wotton...

Jenkins chooses 500 metres race at Hanover... David Jenkins, a former European 400 metres champion...

Prince Charles to play in Queen's Cup... Prince Charles will make his first appearance next Sunday...

Nottingham results... Bathurst Stakes... Ondaime Handicap...

Inkslinger entered... Daniel Moore's former American steeplechase rider...

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45 acceptors... Four English-trained horses, Kestrel, Nephew, Charlie, and Red Berry...

Goodwood programme

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Ripon programme

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Newton Abbot

Table with 3 columns: Race Name, Horses, Odds. Includes 2.30 MILNERS STEEPLECHASE, 3.00 RULPIN HURDLE.

rd hopes to be on Saturday... Yorkshire hope to have their bowler, Alan Ward...

Second XI competition... Wembley v Wotton... Wotton v Wotton...

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Facing up to Europe's new axis

If the Labour Government cares about Britain's position in the world, it must be deeply worried by the sudden changes in the leadership of Europe...

What a different situation confronts Labour this week. In place of the useful bogey figure of M Pompidou...

The men in Rhodesia might be ready for peace—readier than we are, I am in Rhodesia for the second long stay this year...

The cooperative effort needed to save Britain's newspapers

There was a crumb of hope for newspapers and hopes of greater editorial freedom at the close of last week's parliamentary debate on the press...

The theory behind forming a commission is that there is so little agreement on the troubles of newspapers, especially economic ones...

How can one justify an annual bill of £4m for 272,000,000 wasted, unsold copies of daily newspapers...

The essential point now is that—with the exception of the fifth principle, requiring majority support—the six principles are no longer appropriate as a condition of ratification...

The major complaint is that advertisers are not paying enough for their space. The blame lies partly with the publishers who set the rates...

I am not mooting some kind of advertisers' unofficial philanthropic society. Advertisers are in business to make their own products pay and, therefore, to communicate their virtues through either the most popular or the most specialised media...

But there is the question of whether the market can stand an increase in newspaper rates. A Financial Times survey of 120 marketing men in February, 1974, showed that more than half of them planned to reduce advertising expenditure...

They should be subject to scrupulous examination on arrival in port. They should be compelled to discharge their tank washings under supervision instead of being free to do so at sea...

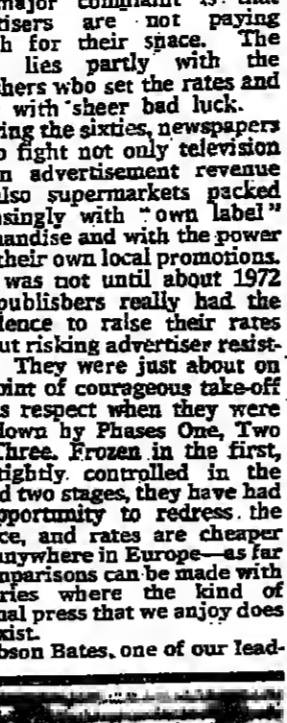
Supertankers running wild on the world's last frontier

What is to be done about the huge and still growing oil supertankers, and the pollution they are causing to the seas and oceans? The question is presented in a pair of articles published in the New Yorker...

Mr Mostert traces the growth of the supertankers and the way they have spilled oil wherever they have gone. Already, he says, there are 1200 supertankers...

There is, he says, little prospect of establishing any effective international authority. "Before it is too late, some way must be found to ensure that men who profit from the sea should be held accountable for the health and standards of efficiency of the crews...

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The Times Diary advertisement. Text includes 'The Times Diary', 'Converting this column into cash', and 'No writer will want to miss Southern Television's children's science programme, How, on May 23...'.

Advertisement for Obstructive. Text includes 'Obstructive' and 'Three young Washington cadets, unimpressed yesterday with James Callaghan's 1-hour parking, tried to give driver a ticket...'.

Out of town

An end to regional imbalance is the aim

a Special Report

Christopher Warman, Government spokesman, responded

There has been a great deal of discussion about the Government's views on the redeployment of industry and commerce, and means by which this can be achieved. It is not, however, an uncoordinated effort. The Labour administration has perhaps not the high place, but the main thrust for the apparent lack of industrial activity in the broad policy of success which the Government has read in many a departmental document. The objective of the policy is to create a more balanced distribution of economic activity throughout the country and therefore to make use of the country's resources, notably of manpower.

The Government has pursued special encouragement to the movement of industry to, and the expansion of industry in, places for one reason or another. It requires industrial investment. A parallel objective in recent years has been to restrain expansion in areas where this would be an excessive pressure on resources. The policy has concentrated mainly on influencing the location of industry. It is a primary objective of employment and other activities where it develops; it is closely linked to other policies, such as the movement of communications, and the provision of housing.

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As stated, the policy is favoured by industrialists, businessmen alike, but more immediate concern is the manner in which an objective is to be achieved. A change of government not only leaves a void, but also a void of long-term thinking on their part. It is consistent with a long continuity.

The Conservative Government, in a White Paper on industrial and regional development in 1972, stated in order to give industry confidence it requires to invest. The Government's objective to maintain the new incentives at least until the transitional period ends. Much has been achieved, but no solution is yet in sight.

A faster rate of national growth is a necessary precondition for effective regional effort, as are the growing resources over being applied to modernizing infrastructure and improving the environment. Even so, however, it is clear that the accumulated measures of the years are not enough.

ment of industry, recently gave his assurances in a written answer to the House of Commons. He emphasized the intention to "make a sustained effort to eliminate the disparity in employment and development" built up over the years between Scotland, Wales, and the assisted areas of England and other parts of the country. "Our broad intention is to continue and develop the financial and other incentives now available for the location of new industry and the expansion of existing industry in the assisted areas."

Mr Heffer said the Government had been considering the system of incentives inherited under the 1972 Act, which gave them wide powers that they intended to use to the full in promoting investment, the modernization of industry and regional regeneration. He announced that they still intended, as declared in their manifesto, to bring forward a new Industry Bill giving them the wider powers, for example through planning agreements, that were required to achieve their aims.

That said, Mr Heffer outlined the Government's intentions regarding existing incentives "so that industry will have the confidence to forward with existing and new projects" across the language of the two governments becomes similar. The Government have decided to maintain the existing system of regional development grants, possibly with certain adjustments in the present framework.

This regional employment premium, which was originally to be phased out from this year, is being continued indefinitely while other possibilities are considered. "As for selective assistance in the assisted areas", Mr Heffer declared, "we intend to build on the system set out in the Industry Act, 1972 so that companies in these areas can continue to receive assistance." The system of regional development is being maintained so that the bulk of cases can be decided in the areas where the projects are to be located.

Governments come and go, but the problems remain for ever. It seems in 1972 the Conservative Government was saying: "The ending of regional imbalance has been an objective of successive governments in the United Kingdom for nearly four decades. Much has been achieved, but no solution is yet in sight."

administration introduced their new measures to aid redeployment. It is not surprising, therefore, that Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, who will be producing the Government's plans for industry in a green paper in June or July, should have told *The Sunday Times* in an interview: "The benefit of experience is that I am not tempted to fall back on old solutions."

He was talking about the whole range of industry, and regional development. He looked at the Labour Party's manifesto and its Programme for Britain produced last year shows the direction in which the Government may go. According to the manifesto, the Labour leaders planned to encourage regional development by new public enterprise, assistance to private industry on a selective basis, and new regional planning machinery.

Need for new approaches. The manifesto was itself a compressed version of the programme produced the year before, in which Labour urged the need for completely new approaches. In particular, the strategy was to rely much less on general government grants and incentives, and much more on direct action at the level of the big firm.

Unless we do so, indeed firms may choose and more to go multinational rather than multi-regional—a process which will render our regional unemployment problems even more intractable than at present," said the Government. It is time to put flesh on the bones of their policy, the need for and encouragement to move away from the congested centres must rely on the existing incentives.

Although Britain's position in the European Economic Community is being questioned, the present situation allows firms to seek financial help from both the European Investment Bank and the European Coal and Steel Community. There is always the possibility that in the future the European regional development fund will yield some as yet unknown bonus.

filling the loftier aim of governments in striving to end regional imbalance. The South-east, such a magnet in the past, is now almost full, and redeployment is what has happened there rather than what is happening. The latest annual report for the four new towns of Crawley, Hatfield, Hemel Hempstead and Welwyn Garden City explains the change, which itself is a success story. The towns are "an example of thriving regional centres for shopping and of industrial employment", it states.

The commercial and industrial assets of the Commission for the New Towns stand in the region of £55m, some £20m more than five years ago. Now the commission is left with little commercial or industrial land available for development, and the future programme of industrial development is largely geared to the present and future employment needs of the towns.

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Mr Davies explains the Government's policy and attempts to allay the fears of industrialists. Mr Eric Heffer, Minister of State at the Department of Industry, recently gave his assurances in a written answer to the House of Commons. He emphasized the intention to "make a sustained effort to eliminate the disparity in employment and development" built up over the years between Scotland, Wales, and the assisted areas of England and other parts of the country.

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include canteens, car parks and common access areas, of government assistance since this gross figure could vary widely, between £100 and £200 per head. A new project in a special development area, in Merseyside or around Glasgow, says research shows that staff turnover is less outside London, making for savings of £500,000 on machinery and in training. There is also less time lost through sickness, while in some areas, staff £1.8m.

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This showed factory space in London and the South-east available from 50p a sq ft in Sittingbourne, Kent, through £1.00 in Woolwich south-east London, to £1.25 in Croydon, Surrey.

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One is that some expenses, such as the financial help given to staff moving house, may be high but are a one-off charge, which may be offset by the economies of decentralization. The Greater London Council has arrangements with some towns whereby in municipal housing can be arranged.

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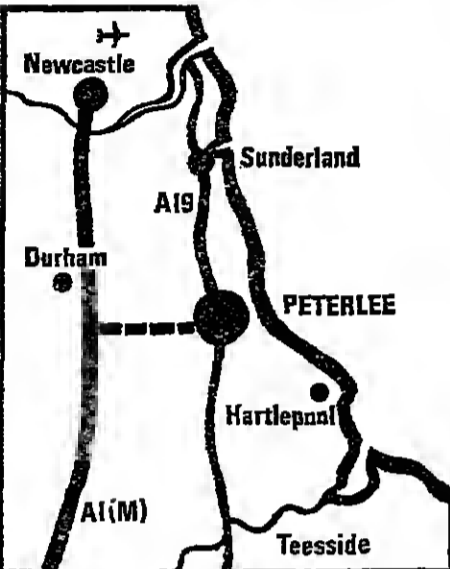
It is more difficult to approach cost-saving factors for industry in a useful way. To a degree there are the same considerations, but the arithmetic becomes more difficult because of the wider differences between undertakings. Here, however, is one specimen calculation, which in contrast to the example of 50 sq ft space allow offices and research and development establishments, Yorkshire locations.



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Success in combining expansion with economy

by C. A. Prendergast
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The Location of Offices Bureau was established in April 1963 as the result of studies into the problems of London. Increasing demands for office space, an overloaded commuting system, and a high concentration of employment in the service sector led to the conclusion that dispersal of non-essential employment was desirable.

In the decade since its establishment the bureau has achieved much in alleviating the difficulties apparent in 1963; organizations which have consulted the bureau have moved well over 100,000 office jobs out of central London, but a considerable amount remains to be done.

The demand for office space has continued in the central area but the supply has been restricted both by planning authorities and by the Government's introduction of the office development permit system. With a restricted supply and an increasing demand, rents have increased dramatically in a decade.

When development permits were introduced rents for new accommodation in the central area were £2.75 a sq ft a year, and since then have climbed at a steady rate. Today City of London rents have reached £25 a sq ft, and prime sites in the West End can command £16 a sq ft—increases of 500 per cent and 580 per cent respectively.

Such changes have helped the bureau in its work since most organizations have become aware of the need to contain rises in overhead costs on existing premises. Equally, firms wishing to expand have found themselves facing a considerable burden if they wish to remain in the centre. It is significant that in the past 10 years the two principal reasons given by firms considering decentralization have been expansion and economy.

The demand for office space has continued throughout the decade, and in the banking sector a considerable influx of foreign banks, all seeking a specialized type of accommodation, caused the rent spiral to rise more rapidly in the City of London. In a period of five years 115 new banking enterprises opened offices in the City.

In other sections the demand continued as the economy expanded, but the demands for increased space arose in part from a more generous allocation of floor space a worker. It is true that while the bureau has been helping decentralization, the space vacated has been reoccupied, but had there not been an outward movement the demand for additional space would have been considerably greater, exacerbating the problems that need solution.

While rents in the centre have been rising there has been a ripple effect on rents in prime suburban areas. In 1963 a move to Croydon was considered a leap into the unknown, but its principal attraction was that it was a convenient centre with good communications and low rents. Today the success of Croydon is demonstrated by fully occupied properties and rents of £5 to £6 a sq ft, a good indication of demand in that location.

The bureau has advocated the construction of three more centres, similar to Croydon, in the north, east and west at points where there are interchanges in the communications network to act as interceptors of inward commuters, but still providing fast access to the central area for essential business purposes. The bureau has been supportive in this view point, and by London Transport; how long it will take to put into operation remains to be seen.

During the decade commuting into central London has declined considerably. The recent figures issued by London Transport show that

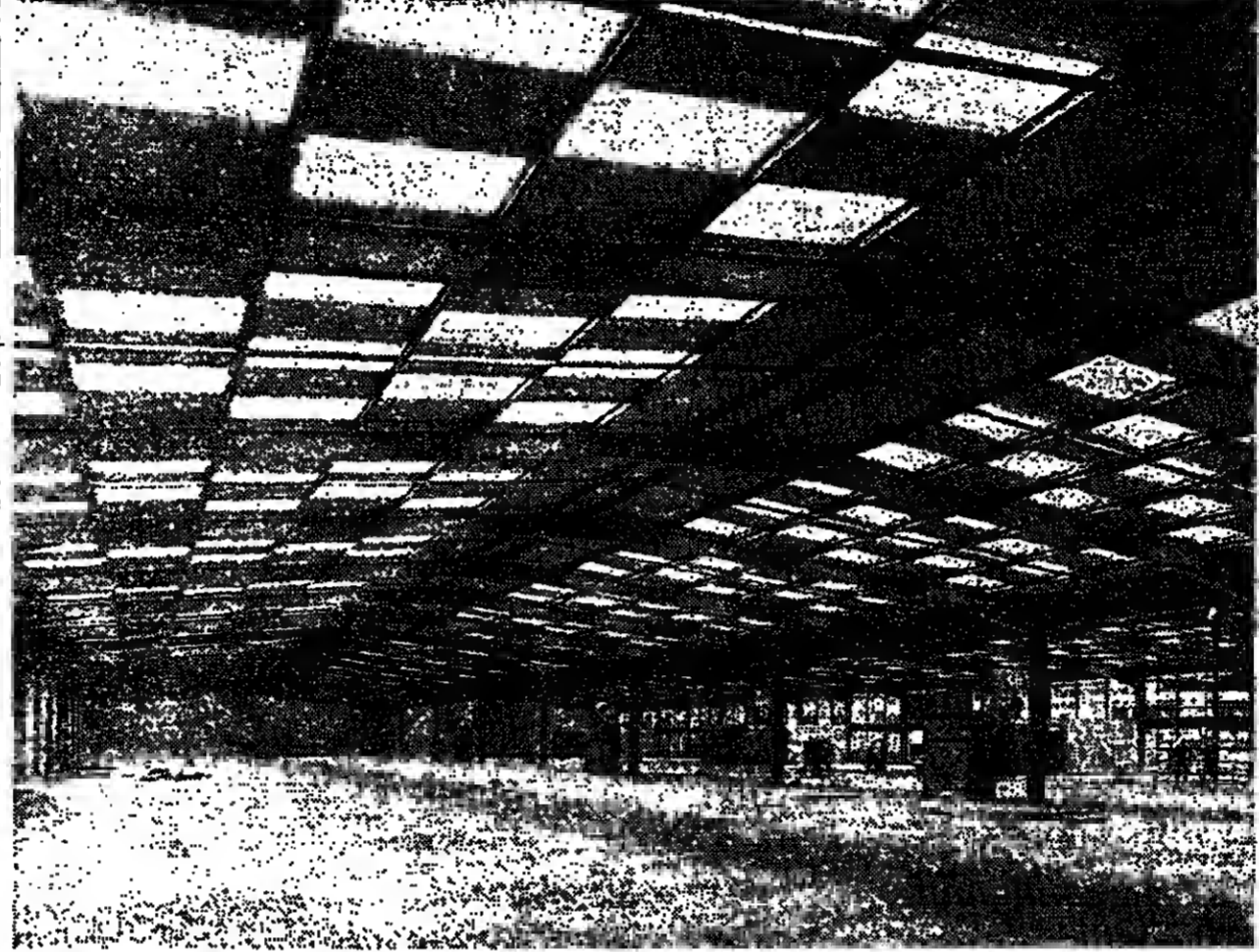
public transport carried 1,074,900 passengers in 1963 and 846,500 in 1973; a reduction of 128,400 passengers a day. Private transport carried 139,600 in 1963 and 139,100 in 1973, a reduction of only 500 persons a day. However, car commuting in the same period increased from 77,400 to 83,800, an increase of 17,400 vehicles and 16,900 passengers.

Easing the strain of commuting has been part of the bureau's role, and while the change in commuting patterns has been significant the fundamental problem remains, that a considerable amount of public capital is locked up in a rail network that is fully effective for only 30 hours a week, carrying people to and from work. That such a system is inevitable is obvious; the bureau's work is to try to help it to become more efficient and pleasant for those who have to commute.

The bureau has always recognized that many firms are, by the nature of their business, tied to the central area and that there will always be a concentration of office employment carrying essential work there. The South-east of England still has 47 per cent of all office employment in England and Wales, and the greater part of that is London based.

As long as London remains a centre of high activity in banking insurance, communications, and other services, the necessary workforce must be accommodated. It is gratifying to the bureau to know that large organizations have tried out appraisals of a need to keep staff in London, and many have found that moving their business is impracticable, in no way diminishing their efficiency.

Nevertheless, the answer today still lies in decentralization, and the greatest benefits will accrue to those who are prepared to move their business to a new location. It has proved that firms can do more efficiently the same work in a new area. The Government has given added impetus for moves to the areas around the country, which are exploring new opportunities for office employment. The communications network has expanded and can be used to cover greater distances in less time than previously. The bureau has sought to achieve this through a decentralization programme.



The inside of standard advance factories as constructed at Cumbernauld New Town.

Scottish ideas changed by new towns

by Ronald Faux

The new towns of Scotland have flourished in some yielding soil. The central waist of the country still has a lingering reputation for slums and deterioration. Only recently the Prime Minister pointed to the bleak record of the Glasgow area in being perhaps the worst housing in Europe.

The wounds inflicted by Victorian industry are slow to heal and it is the new towns that have brought the strongest hope to families escaping from the tenements and the socially crippling environments of the old areas.

There is a strong conviction among the new town corporations that it would be entirely wrong to follow the advice of the West Central Scotland Plan team and halt the development on forecasts that the new growth may not be needed and that in effect the overgrowth might dominate the sink.

This would place Stonehouse, the next step in Scottish new town development, firmly in abeyance even though 30 companies able to employ 7,000 people have already said they would like to move there. "This is before we have begun any marketing exercises," a corporation officer declared. It was doubtful whether these potential customers would have the same eagerness to move into the outskirts of Glasgow.

East Kilbride was the first of the new towns, if a community which is now 27 years old can be so described. More than half of its 10,250 acres have been left as green belt, the population has risen from 2,400 to about 65,000, and the plan is to continue growth to a natural limit of about 100,000 by the 1990s. The basic aim has been to provide new low-cost factories, pleasantly situated and employing a workforce which has escaped from the industrial bitterness which often characterized the Clyde valley.

It lies nine miles south-east of Glasgow and was originally intended to relieve the city of social and industrial congestion. Like Scotland's five other new towns it is connected to a modern network of communications and is close to attractive countryside. Traffic flows smoothly through the town on dual carriageways, pedestrians circulate in their own areas. It is a bustling, prosperous and attractive place which has escaped the trap of becoming a collection of functional concrete slabs.

There are four areas devoted to industry which occupy about 900 acres. East Kilbride attracted the government National Engineering Laboratory and a government computer centre. The Clyde River Purification Board has also set up office here. In all, there are about 250 companies and 400 commercial and professional organizations employing more than 15,000 people in the town. They make a variety of articles, from zero engines to kitchen furniture.

East Kilbride claims to have attracted more mobile industry than any other British new town. Unemployment is now less than half the national average and the work record is virtually strike-free. As the longest established of the Scottish new towns it has been fully to develop leisure facilities. There are two sports centres, one with an Olympic-size swimming pool, a ballroom and a cinema seating 1,000. Plans have been made to add a big conference centre.

Although some of the original housing bears the stamp of the featureless postwar estates, the newest development combines attractive looks and ingenious design.

There is now a positive attempt throughout the new towns to alter the Scottish predicament for rented housing and private builders are showing greater interest in developing plots, while the government-appointed corporations running the new towns report a growing wish among tenants to become owner-occupiers.

East Kilbride Corporation has built 450 houses for sale and has sold more than 2,000 houses previously rented.

It was reasonable that the successful East Kilbride Development Corporation should take on the task of building up its neighbour,

Stonehouse. This will lie about 20 miles from Glasgow astride the M74 and, without becoming an exact copy, will incorporate the experience gained from East Kilbride.

Mr George Young, managing director of the development corporation, is in no doubt about the need for a sixth Scottish new town. Some firms have already established themselves in the area and last year East Kilbride was unable to accommodate some concerns which had been interested in moving to. They had to go elsewhere.

The land at Stonehouse was designated last August and the outline plan is for an eventual population of about 70,000, which will be provided with jobs, homes, schools, shops and other amenities. Four industrial areas would contain the bulk of employment for an initial target of 30,000.

Perhaps the most serious political problem facing the new town movement is that the more successful it becomes in mopping up all available industry the bigger will be the vacuum created in Glasgow, which desperately requires a strong belt of industry to assure its own prosperity. Added to this is the question of cost.

The development corporation is reluctant to give an exact price, but it is clear that to transform Stonehouse from green fields into a prosperous new town will be several times more costly than developing East Kilbride. Delay, it is feared, could mean that inflation would make the Stonehouse plan unrealistically expensive.



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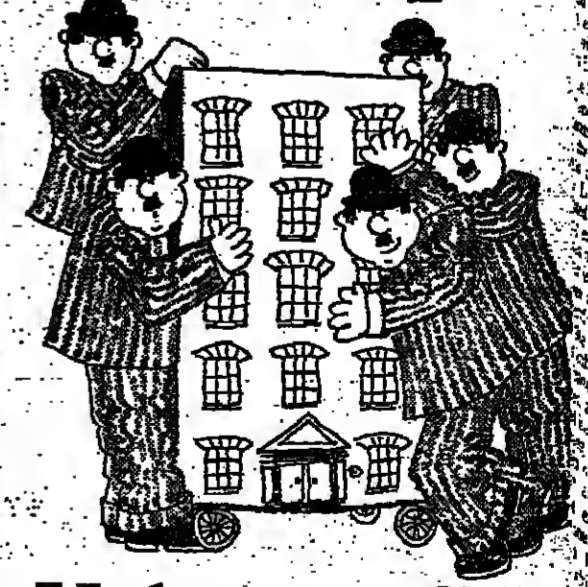
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North-west balance sheet after 10 years' effort

John Chartres

It is almost exactly 10 years since the first brick of Skelmersdale New Town was laid and since 7,000 acres of earth were designated as site of Runcorn New Town.

This is, therefore, as good a moment as any to assess the success or otherwise of a planning policy that was not from the start to have a fundamental effect on the life of the densely populated North-west region which has always had more than its fair share of environmental problems.

Mr John Peak, the Industrial Development Officer, is pleased with the present total of nearly 120 firms which are either in production or have announced a firm intention to move to the town.

Mr Peak feels that he can sell Skelmersdale to industrialists on three main counts; the town's excellent communications position, particularly in relation to motorway and air links; the various government financial incentives; and the availability of good quality labour.

Mr Peak emphasises the third point as he is a strong defender of the quality of the Merseyside worker who he thinks has been grossly maligned by a general image that has been particularly in the South-east in which the Liverpool area and industrial garrut have become somewhat synonymous phrases.

In fact Skelmersdale's industrial relations have been exemplary, with an average of no more than one stoppage a year involving more than 50 people for more than two or three days. Some difficulties did happen at one of the town's largest units, Courtauld's weaving factory, but these now seem to have been permanently resolved to the extent that the factory has increased its labour force as a proof of its confidence in the future.

The development corporation goes out of its way to carry out periodic self-examinations in the form of yearly social surveys. The latest one shows that 84 per cent of people moving to Skelmersdale are "happy" or "very happy" with their move. The predominant unfavourable comments concern bus services, shopping facilities and the size of the dog population.

The criticism of shopping facilities has probably not been largely offset by the recent opening of the first phase of The Courtyard, a complete covered shopping centre linked to cinemas and a swimming pool and served by direct bus routes.

Runcorn was, when designated, one of the first new towns designed to be grafted on to an existing community of substantial size. One distinguished North-west writer recently remarked that it was really first designated as a New Town by a socialist British tribe called the Celts in 1960s and there is

developed by Princess Aethelred, who built a fort called Runcorn in AD 915.

Nevertheless, until 1964 Runcorn was a little-known township of some 25,000 souls on the south bank of the Mersey estuary, noted principally for its leather tanning industry, a most extraordinary transporter bridge which was its main link to the nearest population centre of Liverpool, and for the small which weaved across the mud flats from the Widnes chemical works.

The master plan devised by Professor Arthur Ling was a bold one and has been

followed up by equally bold detailed executive decisions. Professor Ling's plans were based on the topography of the designated area, consisting of a flat plain bordering the banks of the Mersey, inland of which were three ridges running from north to south.

The essence of his plan was to put industry on the flat ground, homes on the ridges, so that the homes would have views and full use could be made of the sloping ground to provide access to decked terraces of maisonettes.

Another fundamental part of the master plan was to build

the town around a pre-conceived road system. One of the results of this approach is that Runcorn can now claim to have the most efficient bus services in Europe, a figure-eight busway from which all other traffic is excluded, serving the whole community.

Runcorn's population has now reached about 45,500 and 7,000 jobs have been provided. There has been some friction between the new town and the old, most of it based on an inevitable envy of all good things appearing to go to the new residents, but this sort of

friction will probably have to be lived with whenever a new town is grafted on to an existing community.

There have been internal problems, too. Hardly a week goes by without the highly competitive local papers reporting some sort of petition or a deputation, and the outside visitor (as indeed in Skelmersdale) is apt to be a little depressed at the lack of evidence of spontaneous life and bustle.

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With vastly improved communications—road, rail, electronic—companies are moving as far out as Scotland, and Wales. In fact, the GLC's expanding scheme in West County Down, 234 miles from London, and Plymouth, 211 miles, each attracts its share of industry and from London.

The New Towns Act 1964 and so began the reorganisation of New for the Greater London. At the same time Mer London County started building massive estates outside the city in Surrey, Hants, Essex and Berkshire. Unusually the provision of housing did not go hand in hand at all with homes, and often lagged behind, so paralyzing one of the main objects of the policy and thinking these earlier plans on a sounder footing.

The Town Development Act 1952 which provided a binary for the establishment of the present expansion scheme.

The main idea behind the scheme has been to help out and their staff to get out of London to beyond general commensurate, where there is no only for housing employment for moving. The motto of the scheme is "a job and a job". While the New Towns start to expand into green fields, expanding towns and communities in the right when they are easier for people to move to settle and become part of a mutually something new happens when all New Towns were around London.

The GLC has since that with Bletchley end next year when Town Development

Corporation running Milton Keynes will assume responsibility. The towns range in size from Sandy, Bedfordshire, and Brandon and Millers Hill, Suffolk, to the gems such as Plymouth and Swindon.

They are scattered mainly in East Anglia and immediately north of London with the nearest, Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire, and Widham in Essex, both being 40 miles from London. Apart from Bodmin and Plymouth they average about 70 miles from London and so most allow a full day to be spent in London by directors when required.

With such a variety of towns and locations few companies considering moving to an expanding town fail to find one where the amenities appeal to staff and the location and industrial facilities appeal to management. Many companies, naturally, decide against moving, while those that do move can take about two years between initial contact and final move.

Most of the companies moving to expanding towns are from London. They move for a variety of reasons—compulsory purchase and the simple need to expand as rents they can afford being the two most common, while the necessity

for suitable staff is also high on the list. However, the scheme is not confined to companies wishing to leave London. Some companies move to an expanding town simply to obtain a base in the South.

Companies do move from all parts of Britain to the expanding towns and then contact the GLC for additional staff which cannot be provided by the expanding town. In this way the main reason for the expanding towns is met—to help wealthy families out of poor housing conditions in houses available. Many of the companies and small firms which are at present in inadequate or outdated accommodation in London could profitably move to an expanding town.

Virtually all those that do find they have better staff relationships, a lower staff turnover—and often expand in far more pleasant surroundings within a fairly short time.

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Changing patterns to maintain contact

by John Goddard
 London School of Economics and Political Science

One of the most important constraining factors in firms' decisions about decentralization is the strong belief that vital personal contacts with clients, suppliers and advisers in fact are needed to maintain a firm's competitive edge in the market. This is particularly true in the case of routine work where the problems of communications with head office.

The words "belief" and "fears" are used advisedly because there is very little hard evidence about the impact of relocation on office communication patterns. While emphasizing the importance of communication factors many Central London firms have little detailed knowledge about their existing contact patterns—who talks to whom about what and where. An attempt has been made recently to answer some of these questions for

a sample of small and large companies at present in Central London. The information was obtained using specially designed contact diaries.

While this information is an essential prerequisite for estimating the probable effects of decentralization on business communications, it is still difficult to predict exactly what will happen to existing contacts if a particular office is relocated. There are a number of possibilities.

Some contacts will be maintained with Central London firms but will involve longer journeys or the increased use of existing or new forms of telecommunication. In the long run some former contacts will no longer occur or will be replaced by new links in the decentralised location. For example, a local accountant may provide services originally supplied by a London firm.

Whatever happens in detail, decentralization is certain to involve a change in communication behaviour that will have more far-reaching consequences than those represented by changes in direct communication costs such as telephone bills, fares

and travel time. This is because contacts patterns with other firms and other parts of the organization located elsewhere ultimately define the role of a particular office within the company.

While it is extremely difficult to predict exactly the changes in communication behaviour that will result from the decentralization of a particular office, the experience of firms that have already relocated can provide an important guide, especially if these contact patterns are compared with those of similar firms that have remained in London.

A study has just been completed at the London School of Economics for the Location of Offices Bureau in which the communications behaviour of a number of firms that have moved out of London have been compared with similar contact data from the survey of Central London offices mentioned previously.

Comparing the two sets of contact data suggests that individuals in nearly every type of decentralized department communicate in a different way from their counterparts who have remained in London. This applies to the number and geographical distribution of contacts, the relative importance of meetings and tele-

phone calls, the features of the contacts themselves, and the time spent in travel. Some of these differences are related particularly to the distance moved.

Individuals in decentralized offices have on average one meeting a week with people from other firms compared with an average of 3.6 meetings in Central London. Not surprisingly, greater use is made of the telephone outside London, especially for contacts with other departments of the firm located elsewhere. It is in this area of internal communication—when all departments can be provided with the appropriate equipment—that the characteristics of existing contacts suggest there is further scope for the substitution of new forms of telecommunication, document transmission and audio conferences in particular.

While such substitution may reduce some of the time spent on travel connected with internal business, it is unlikely to reduce travelling connected with external contacts—that is until new telecommunication devices are more widely adopted. Nevertheless there must be a particular demand for facilities in decentralized offices where 76 per cent



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bring in a harvest of western trade and credits to give Soviet technology a lift and in particular to enable Soviet raw material resources to be exploited more rapidly...

can imagine that some awkward questions are being asked by those who were not so keen on Mr Brezhnev's policy in the first place...

Salary levels and national wealth

From Mr R. A. Withers Sir, It is difficult to understand how a politician of the integrity and intelligence of Mr Grimond can write such misleading nonsense...

Ulster protest on Sunningdale

From Sir Kennedy Trevisick Sir, Political strikes are deplorable but, in our irritation with those who engineer them, we should remember that they offer a lesson which our parliamentarians would do well to learn...

Stately homes and tax on wealth

From Lord Herford Sir, The Duke of Bedford (May 19) has pleaded most eloquently for the retention of great art collections in the country houses...

Computers and privacy

From Mr E. L. Willey Sir, Mr Paul Sieghart's letter (May 20, "Computers and Privacy") urging Government action to safeguard confidential information stored in computer data banks...

BEST USE OF NORTH SEA OIL

Estimates of this country's gas reserves, announced yesterday by Mr Varley, that the North Sea is an greater potential source of gas than had been supposed...

There may here be a conflict between the interests of the oil companies involved in the development of the North Sea and those of the nation as a whole...

way to ensure an economic use of fuel would be the proper use of the pricing mechanism. The price of our North Sea oil should then be set so as to ensure that demand for it was not wastefully increased...

MPs' outside interests

From Lord Kennet Sir, You report (May 18) that "there will be great resentment" if Labour MPs in the House of Commons on Wednesday debating their own motions on the question of interests seek to widen the scope to include peers...

Biography of Churchill

From Mr Martin Gilbert Sir, I have just begun work on the fifth volume of Sir Winston Churchill's official biography, which covers the period from his defeat at Dunkirk in November 1942 to his entry into Neville Chamberlain's War Cabinet in September 1943...

Trade Union Bill

From Mr B. A. Hepple Sir, There are several objections to Mr Harry Samuels's suggestion (May 16) that the immunity which the Trade Union and Labour Relations Bill grants in respect of inducement of breaches of contract should be limited to established unions...

Quiet traffic

From Dem Charles Fitzgerald-Lombard Sir, The prospect of the widespread introduction of the "silent rider" battery powered bus (The Times, May 15) prompts me to suggest that the DOE should consider imposing a minimum, as well as a maximum, noise level for road vehicles...

THING TO DECLARE?

House of Commons will be debating the proposal for a register of members' interests. A register has become necessary not because there is reason to suppose that corruption is rife in Parliament...

What a register could do is to present the individual MP with a choice. Whenever he accepted a business offer he would know that he would have either to acknowledge it openly or act improperly...

register would have to be compulsory. It would be tempting to suggest that a voluntary register would avoid unnecessary intrusions of privacy and the need to define too precisely what interests were to be included...

Gassing of badgers

From Mr R. W. Howard Sir, It is widely recognized that tuberculosis in wild badgers is a source of infection in cattle in the Cotswolds and in west Cornwall. Few would dispute the desirability of even the necessity of destroying badgers in known infected areas...

pornography

L. M. H. Lankester Sir, The Burt's Bill (May 16) that by not censure the Cinematograph and Video Industry Bill the Government generally, and a Secretary in particular, disregard for the human and mental health of the public...

embarrassment caused to a schoolboy by the publication of sexually orientated advertisements which he received...

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to be frightened by a possible four or two additional effective votes in the outcome of lobby divisions.

From Mr V. D. Clarke Sir, As an Irishman recently returned from Belfast, I plead that the views expressed by Mr Dalyell (Letters, May 15) be reconsidered in the light of humanity and reason?

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Pledge not to harm world free trade to be signed by OECD nations next week

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provisional approval... this is partly the explanation for... pledging not to harm world free trade

the Gatt said this has been a... further factor in getting countries... pledging not to harm world free trade

Banks and Lyon agree on disposal of properties

By Christopher Wilkins... Agreement in principle... reached last night between the Lyon Group and its principal bank creditors

Vavasseur put losses at £18.2m and warn shareholders of vital vote

By John Whitmore... The growing problems in the world of secondary banking... Vavasseur put losses at £18.2m

company was in an illiquid position... Since then the group has run into further troubles... Vavasseur put losses at £18.2m

GKN chief approached to take Herbert job

By Our Financial Editor... One of the most challenging jobs in British engineering... GKN chief approached to take Herbert job

Although he has been approached to take on the job at Herbert, it is still uncertain that he will be willing to do so

Swiss close markets to foreign borrowers

Swiss capital markets... closed to foreign borrowers... National Bank of Switzerland

'Plan for worker voice' in state-aided groups

By George Clark... Political Correspondent... Companies like ICI... plan for worker voice in state-aided groups

this firm must have received some £100m of government grants... plan for worker voice in state-aided groups

Mersey docks loss less than feared

By Ian Morrison... Financial Correspondent... The Mersey Docks and Harbour Company... Mersey docks loss less than feared

Demand for separate reports on profits

By Hugh Clayton... Lack of coordination between the Government and Price Commission... Demand for separate reports on profits

Slump in UK's terms of trade at start of year

Britain's terms of trade with the rest of the world deteriorated further in January... Slump in UK's terms of trade at start of year

Shares slide lower

London's equity market suffered yesterday from the effects of the property and secondary banking sectors... Shares slide lower

Barter deal fertilizers in Russia

Export-Import Bank today said it had fully repaid a credit of \$180m to the Soviet Union... Barter deal fertilizers in Russia

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Dry-dock go-ahead

Kuwait, May 21... The Kuwait nationalization company has ratified an agreement by which Kuwait and seven other Arab states will share in financing a dry-dock complex in Bahrain... Dry-dock go-ahead

Lion Assurance order

The Lion Assurance Company has been ordered by the Department of Trade not to effect any insurance contracts... Lion Assurance order

Estimates show fall of 3 1/2 pc in first quarter's gross domestic product

Condon domestic product was 1 per cent lower in the quarter of 1974 than in the quarter of 1973... Estimates show fall of 3 1/2 pc in first quarter's gross domestic product

vice industries are less dependent on power than production industries... Estimates show fall of 3 1/2 pc in first quarter's gross domestic product

Table with columns: GDP, Gross domestic product at constant factor, and quarterly data from 1971 to 1974.

How the markets moved

Table showing market movements: Rises (Anglo-Thal Corp, BHS South, etc.), Falls (Allen W. G., etc.), and Shares slide lower.

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Table showing exchange rates for various currencies: Australia, Belgium, Canada, etc.

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Airlines start fight against fuel costs

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

World airlines are to study new ways of reducing fuel costs, including the import of fuel direct from refineries and participation by airlines in refinery ownership.

As an example of the latter, we estimate that by the end of 1975, airport landing and associated charges, together with route navigation charges, are likely to exceed \$1,000m a year against \$650m in 1973.

Experts from the Shell Oil Company headquarters in the United States is expected in Iran next week to conclude talks for the establishment of a big oil refinery near the Persian Gulf port of Bushehr, with an annual capacity of 25 million tons, our Tehran correspondent writes.

Exxon to end supplies to Fujitsu Kusan, the Japanese oil company, announced in Tokyo that it had received a notice from Exxon International saying it would not renew the current crude oil supply contract with the company, which is to expire at the end of June.

Upturn seen in Europe's industrial output

From David Cross
Brussels, May 21

Industrial production in the European Community resumed a distinct upward tendency towards the end of the first quarter of this year, the EEC Commission reported today.

This was probably mainly caused by the return to a normal working week in Britain, good weather and lively growth in overall demand. Exports to non-member countries continued to rise, the Commission added in its monthly analysis of the economic situation.

Increase in US consumer price index is lowest for seven months

From Frank Vogl
Washington, May 21

The United States Consumer Price Index rose by 0.6 per cent last month, the lowest monthly rate of increase since last September. It went up by 1.1 per cent in March and the rise on an unadjusted basis for the last 12 months has been 10.2 per cent, the Department of Labour announced.

These new low rates hold then bankers are confident that significant declines in prime and other short-term rates will be seen soon.

Inflation level to around 6 per cent at the end of the year. Many bankers believe that industrial price rises will largely offset the gains made through lower food prices and they are a lot less confident about the outlook for non-food commodities.

Franklin NY may write tax losses off assets

New York, May 21—Franklin New York Corporation's promised restatement of first quarter financial results may go well beyond the originally proposed adjustment for foreign exchange trading losses.

Sources said the troubled bank holding company was considering adjustments in several areas, including its treatment of losses carried forward for tax purposes in recent years.

According to Franklin's 1973 financial report, the company has \$4.5m (£1.9m) of loss carry-forward that expires this year in a total refund of \$22m of potential tax benefits valid until 1976 at latest.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Seat belts, insurers and injury damages

From Mr J. Shephard
Sir, Since criticism of the judiciary seems to be very much the current vogue, may I add my voice to that of Mr David Green (May 18).

On the same day as his letter was published, your Law Report was concerned with the case of Smith and Another v Blackburn, wherein Mr Justice O'Connor agreed with the previous comments of Mr Justice Shaw and said that car drivers and passengers who are injured in a road accident and who fail to wear seat belts should not have their damages reduced.

Chairmen over the past years, one would soon see that this is not the case. Motor insurance generally has been running at a loss for many years for two main reasons: First, the ever increasing cost of car repairs and, secondly, the continual increase in awards by the judiciary.

The two-tier interest system and Britain

From Mr D. F. J. Paterson
Sir, I have been very disappointed by the failure of the press and, indeed, the Bank of England to investigate the possibility of a two-tiered interest system to be applied in the United Kingdom.

We pay a rate of interest to foreign holders of sterling, and this cost, whatever the system, is borne by the United Kingdom taxpayers in one form or another. If the rate of interest paid by United Kingdom borrowers and payable to United Kingdom lenders is reduced, it need not affect the cost to the United Kingdom economy if the foreign interest rates are maintained at their current levels.

event that a United Kingdom resident obtained permission to lend sterling to a non-resident at 6 per cent would be able to bank in England a substantial amount.

Power tools' top profitability

By Anthony Rowley

The most profitable British engineering business in the five years up to 1973 was portable power tools where the average return on capital was more than 25 per cent in each year.

Compressors and pneumatic tools along with other engineering groups, such as scales and weighing machinery, plastics and rubber machinery, achieved a return on capital of more than 15 per cent over the five years covered by the survey.

Boilerhouse plant, pumps and valves, space heating, central heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment manufacturers all achieved "well above average" profitability.

Mr Sinfield gave warning that the new local authorities did not have sufficient staff to implement the task of such a state takeover. "And how much greater, under these circumstances, will be the temptations and opportunities for graft and corruption?" he said.

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'One umbrella' proposal for fuel industries

The Government "will bear in mind" an MP's suggestion that the nationalized fuel industries should be brought under one umbrella so that there can be a common policy on energy conservation, Dr Gavin Strang, Parliamentary Secretary for Energy, said in a letter yesterday.

More tourists coming to UK

Tourism figures for March show an increase of 12 per cent in the number of overseas visitors to the United Kingdom compared with March last year.

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Copies of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from The Secretary, G.R.A. Property Trust Limited, White City Stadium, Wood Lane, London W12 7BU.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Uncertainties ahead for Vavasasseur

Vavasasseur shareholders may feel some too happy about getting only 20 per cent of the action in the proposed new company...



some £100,000 below the more optimistic projections with a near-doubling of foreign exchange losses on borrowings...

What are shareholders likely to find out? Well, just the right issue they should or a start have shares with a net asset backing of around 25p a share...

Mr A. K. Bergius, chairman of Vavasasseur, is increasing competition in the United States market...

In the United Kingdom market share was maintained, implying a 22 per cent increase in volume sales after a record margin...

Avon Rubber After the three day week

Avon's three-day week experience turns out to be a loss to profits of £0.5m, the obvious reason here being that it would have been comfortably ahead at the half year stage but for the crisis...

Higher electricity prices must provide some encouragement for current year prospects, but the group has still to prove its capacity to capitalize on the oil situation...

After a 33 per cent rise in interim profits, the slowdown to a 9 per cent gain in the second half at Portals looked disappointing...

Teacher Worse than expected

One consolation for Teacher (Distillers) shareholders was that yesterday's drop in the share price of £0.30p to 240p was only half that which greeted the interim results...

With the shares at 18p yesterday a 1/2 per cent rise to 18 1/2 is evidently an encouraging recovery...

Water treatment and engineering performed generally well though Vacuumatic must be largely behind the 32 per cent trading profit rise...

An ambitious plan

Chemical's final results reflect rather less than the strike damage that might have been expected...

A couple of days back I was writing about some of the problems being created by the doubling of stamp duty to 2 per cent...

The forecast is of some increase in profits this year, though material and labour shortages plus rising costs are a problem...

Business Diary: Makinson, MD • Callaghan's EEC expert

By Beaur's appointment of Bill Makinson as managing director of the National Research Corporation will probably be more popular than his the corporation itself...



The confirmation of Makinson as a continuity that will well received at NRDC, for him, Beaur had come up through the NRDC ranks...

With respect, sir, we of the property market world point out that it's the Tories who are doctrinally opposed to helping lame ducks...

Last year, a member of the Post Office Board and in a former director of the PO's National Data Processing Service...

The young man so rich in EEC lore is John Weston, aged 36, in the mini-Whitehall contained in the Brussels mission...

Several MPs could be better placed than Kenneth Baker to advise a computer software and consultancy firm...

Logic, a London-based consultancy, works for City banks and is also active in the general services sector...

A former head boy of Sherborne who got a double first in Greats at Oxford, Weston is one of the leading Chinese scholars in the Foreign Office...

Commodity prices: speculators misread market switchback

John Woodland looks at the ups and downs of dealers and their clients as the great price boom appears to be nearing its end

Although commodity prices have fallen heavily over the past two weeks, for so, they are still at very high levels compared with two years ago...

The huge rise prompted the Labour Government to contemplate a Royal Commission to estimate whether the speculative element, so vital to the markets, is behind, or has caused, the huge rises...

Lessons over the past few months must be taken to heart, for the commodity itself could so easily be put in jeopardy...

These not only assist the raw material traders themselves through hedging facilities available in the futures markets...

2. The purchase of one or more futures contracts to eliminate or lessen loss from the possible advance in the value of the actual commodity...

It appears simple enough, but hedging is not automatic and it calls for specialized knowledge and skill. There are hazards. The price spread between actuals and futures does not always remain the same...

In recent months there have been some dramatic developments in the markets. These have all hit the headlines and entailed startling losses ranging from £2.5m to £2.2m...

It is up to the companies involved to maintain the closest scrutiny of any commodity trading that they undertake...

One or two City courses run by outside sources do a great job, but they are hardly sufficient. A leaflet out of the Institute of Corn and Agricultural Merchants' book would not come amiss...

During the various stages of the ordinary marketing procedure, someone must assume the possibility of loss that unavoidably accompanies the ownership of the physical commodity...

However, the speculator is important because his continuous trading interest is necessary for a truly broad and active market, which is essential for effective hedging...

The new Lisbon regime faces severe problems, reports Harry Debelius Can Portugal break with the past?



General Spinoza: changing face of Portugal

If disillusionment over a hopeless colonial war triggered the April coup d'état in Lisbon, it is also true that the collapse of the economic policies of the Salazar-Caetano regime contributed to the power vacuum...

Evidence that the makers of the Portuguese revolution were deeply concerned with the economy came even before the appointment of a provisional government...

The importance of economic factors in the Portuguese revolution is evident from the manifesto of the armed forces movement, published as soon as the success of the military takeover was clear...

Speaking as a delegate of the junta, less than two weeks after the coup, Dr Vasco Vieira de Almeida said that foreign technology and capital would be welcome as long as Portuguese national interests were safeguarded...

Profits in the bank note and security paper division went ahead by 21 per cent over the year, reflecting demand which over the past two years has been increasing by around 10 per cent...

What brought Portugal to a standstill in 1965, as well as political collapse in Portugal, was the penny-saved-a-penny earned economic policy of the late dictator, Dr Antonio de Oliveira Salazar...

He said that at the rate of growth foreseen in the country's fourth economic development plan (which theoretically went into effect last January), Portugal would need 30 years to close the gap between herself and even the less developed nations of the EEC...

When, in the 1960s, African liberation movements began to fight in Portuguese-held territory which the people of neighbouring states had already won from other European countries...

Portugal's prospects for the future still depend on the eventual solution of the colonial problem. But a fresh outlook on that problem, as well as a more adventurous economic programme, give the nation a good chance of regaining lost ground...

More than half of the annual budget was being spent on the military. Continental Portugal, a nation of less than 10 million people, simply could not afford it, and they could not afford the human cost either—four years of military service for every able-bodied man...

From the time of his installation as Premier, pressurized by deeply entrenched right-wing elements—Dr Caetano tried to work out plans for economic development with the help of the best economic minds in Portugal...

There is every indication now that the young men who are bent on restoring freedom to Portugal are also bent on improving the economic welfare of the people...

Clearly the liberal character of the present regime will make it easier for Portugal to win advice, acceptance and assistance (badly needed by a country which lacks even basic economic statistics) from nations which have trod the road of economic development before it...

Orion Insurance advertisement including logo, text '1973: Higher gross profit', and a table of financial data for 1969-1973.

Business Diary advertisement for Makinson, MD and Callaghan's EEC expert, including a cartoon illustration.

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LOCAL NEWS

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Capper-Neill rally at £807,000 on jump in turnover to £20m-plus

By Fred Wilson While short of the 11m pre-tax forecast in some City quarters, profits of Capper-Neill, the Lancashire-based makers of process plant and pipework for industry, more than doubled from the lowly £358,000 a year ago (following first half losses), to £807,000. Turnover jumped from £15.6m to top £20m for the first time at £20.1m. The result failed to make a big impression on the Stock Market where the share price moved ahead by 1p to 27 1/2p.

Fisons margins tighter

Any shortfall in United Kingdom earnings this year, and so far aggregate profit performance has been "most encouraging", can be made up by increased earnings overseas. Mr George Burton, chairman of Fisons, told shareholders yesterday that the group's profits came from abroad, and the recent \$50m multi-currency loan will be mainly spent overseas—not only because of the need to widen its bridgehead there, but also because the investment climate is less favourable in this country.

Bilton hoists profit to peak £3m

After an improvement in first-half profits from £862,000 to £2,25m, the Percy Bilton property development, investment and civil engineering group has hoisted its full-time profits by 53 per cent to a record £3,08m for 1973. This continues the strong upward trend of profits achieved since the group came to the market in 1972.

Muirhead

Following last year's record profit of £803,000, Muirhead, the Kent-based electrical and mechanical engineers, have hoisted taxable profits from £305,000 to £410,000 for the half year, on sales of £4.5m, against £4.22m. Available profits are £214,000 (against £149,000), while the dividend is up from 0.62p to 0.82p. Turnover was below expectations because of the three-day week.

Leisure Caravan

Taxable profits of Leisure Caravan Parks reached a fresh record in the year ended February 28. The total dividend is to be raised from 3.42p to 5.98p with a final payment of 4.54p. Profits are up 26 per cent from £607,000 to £768,000, and after tax of £437,000 (£189,000), a realized profit on the sale of land and buildings of £100,000 (nil) is added. Earnings per share were 5.6p (5p).

Dunford & Elliott

Including the results of Brown Bayley Steels, acquired last December, both turnover and trading profits of Dunford & Elliott in the eight months to March 31 show substantial gains, though not strictly comparable. Brown Bayley Group has moved into profits, and it is felt the acquisition will prove beneficial.

Samuel Properties

After deducting interest payable, which bounded from £468,000 to £1.23m, taxable profits of Samuel Properties rose from £1,04m to £1.1m in the six months to December 31.

KAMUNTING TIN DREDGING

Last term estimated taxable profit was £740,000 (£507,000).

UPDOWN INV

Debenhams Corp has bought 100,000 shares and now has 494,000 (22.35 per cent).

JARDINE INDS PURCHASE

Company, subsidiary of Jardine Matheson, has bought 25 per cent of Mandarin Publishers, Hong Kong, largest book publisher in colony.

STIRLING KNITTING

For £225,000 cash company selling factory and plant in Southport to Cumfux, a private company.

ALLIED MEDICAL GROUP

This subsidiary of Allied Investments has bought 49 per cent of Central Relief Service for £88,000 in cash and shares.

Issues & Loans

First Euroloan for Sharjah

The Emirate of Sharjah has completed its first syndicated Euroloan, £1.5m for \$50m, maturing in six years with regular payments beginning in 18 months, and carries a spread over the six-month interbank rate of 1 1/4 per cent. The deal has been arranged by Anthony Gibbs.

Irish bond issue

The Republic of Ireland is planning to float a 20m unit account Eurobond issue managed by a consortium headed by Knechtelbank, SA, Luxembourg.

Kelsey Industries

Half year turnover and profits to March 31 of Kelsey Industries, the industrial roofing and roofing insulation contractor, have been returned at high levels but labour and materials shortages are delaying large contracts.

Walter Runciman

The unblemished growth in recent years at Walter Runciman continued in 1973 with taxable profits going ahead from £1.19m to a further peak of £1.6m. Turnover advanced from £15.2m to £20.1m, and attributable profits of £724,000, against £680,500, the dividend is raised from 7.35p to 7.75p. Earnings a share are 14.6p, against 13.7p.

Pirelli cuts loss

Reporting a much reduced loss for 1973-74 of 2,600m lire against 26,300m lire, Pirelli SPA attributed the improvement to the reduced loss of Industrie Pirelli SPA, in which it has a 51 per cent stake. Other factors were a 40 per cent increase in Dunlop International and a good return by Ste Internazionale Pirelli SPA—Reuter.

Local authorities

The coupon on local authority yearling bonds, which fell below 14 per cent for the first time this year last week, is back up to 14 1/4 per cent with an issue price of £99 15-16 per cent. Issues with a total value of £11.5m were made by: Birmingham, Chester, Warrick, Greater Manchester, Dudley, Suffolk, Cornwall, Wiltshire, Dorset, Devon, Loamhead, Bristol, Solihull.

International Property Development

Chemical Bank of New York, through Workers Bond of Trinidad & Tobago, trustees will provide finance of 34 per cent above New York base rate for 12 1/2 years for \$12 housing development.

The 8m franc 8 1/2 per cent 1 year loan floated by the City of Poincaré-Tremblay, Province of Quebec, on the Swiss capital market, was underwritten by Citibank, SA, Luxembourg.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

Table of Eurobond prices with columns for country, denomination, and price.

THOMAS MARSHALL & CO. (LOXLEY) LTD. (Manufacturers of Fireclay Refractories and Heat Insulating Materials) The Annual General Meeting was held on May 21 in Sheffield, Mr. W. T. HALE, B.Sc. (the Chairman) presiding.

Briefly MPI Reflecting loss of Kentucky Organ Company net profit last year fell from £144,000 to £70,000. No further dividend leaving total 0.37p (0.5p).

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds Table with columns for fund name, bid offer, and yield.

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Leslie & Godwin (HOLDINGS) LIMITED INSURANCE BROKERS Pre tax profit £2,862,883 Profit after tax and extraordinary receipts £2,746,360

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JAPAN INTERNATIONAL BANK LIMITED Medium and long term Euro-Currency finance Underwriting of Euro-Bond and Euro-Equity Issues

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Stock markets

Liquidity fears return

A fresh outbreak of nervousness regarding liquidity problems in the property and bank sectors overwhelmed the City market yesterday. Chiefly responsible was the sudden fear of a session last night, which closed problems at a second bank.

First National Finance firmly issued any intentions of issuing a new issue of shares, and the tone of the market, if not the pattern of price trends, improved at the end of the session.

Latest dividends

Table with columns: Dividend, Date, Yield, etc. for various companies like Anglo, Bank of London, etc.

Bank Base Rates

Table listing bank base rates for Barclays Bank, CIBC, etc. with columns for rate and currency.

Commodities

COPPER closed 450 for the week with May futures down 20 to 1250. The market was quiet and steady.

Wool

Wool prices were steady with a slight increase in the price of the best quality wool.

Grain

Grain prices were steady with a slight increase in the price of wheat.

Oil

Oil prices were steady with a slight increase in the price of oil.

Bids & deals

E & W Inv to take in City & O's eas

East & West Investment Trust, which is almost 80 per cent owned by Arthurton Latham, is to make an agreed share offer worth about £1.2m for City & Overseas Investment Trust.

Clark & Fenn

Record results have been achieved by Clark & Fenn (Holdings), which makes acoustic and other building materials.

Tan Sad Holdings

On turnover up from £405,000 to £460,000, the Tan Sad Holdings group has slightly reduced its first half loss from £112,000 to £111,000.

Westdock Railway

The Westdock Group is to make an offer for up to 25 per cent of the shares of E1 Railway, an unlisted public company.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar closed weaker against most European currencies yesterday, compared with overnight levels although above levels at mid-session.

Spot Position of Sterling

Table showing spot position of sterling with columns for market rate and bank rate.

Forward Levels

Table showing forward levels for various currencies with columns for 1 month, 3 months, 6 months, and 12 months.

Recent Issues

Table listing recent issues with columns for company name, issue size, and price.

Wall Street

Table showing Wall Street activity with columns for date, price, and volume.

Chicago

Chicago market was steady with a slight increase in the price of grain.

Reports

Bunzl off to bright start

Though not attempting to hazard a full-time profit forecast, Mr G. Bunzl, chairman of Bunzl Pulp & Paper, following last year's increase of 20 per cent to a record £3.6m, reports first-quarter results showing sales and profits 'well up' on the same period.

BICC on target

Loss of earnings during the power restraint made good by increased contributions from overseas, first quarter profits of British Insulated Callender Cables have turned out to be in line with budgeted projections.

Baker Perkins

Order books at the end of 1973 were at a record level, and continue to rise in the current year, Sir Ivor Baker, chairman of Baker Perkins (Holdings) reports in his annual statement.

The Times Share Indices

Table showing share indices for various sectors like Industrial, Retail, etc.

Money Market Rates

Table showing money market rates for various terms like 1 month, 3 months, 6 months.

Dividend Notices

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH CO. LTD. A dividend of 12 pence per share for the year ended 31st March 1974 will be paid on 27th May 1974.

Drawing of Bonds

CHELEN S. LOAN 90 N. M. ROTHCHILD & SONS Limited announced that Bonds for £100,000 of the above Loan have been redeemed by purchase of the first £100,000 of the Loan.

Canadian Prices

Table showing Canadian prices for various commodities like Wheat, Corn, etc.

Company Meeting Notices

AMSTERDAM LONDON VERZEKERING MAATSCHAPPIJ N.V. Shareholders' meeting to be held at the Amsterdam office on 27th May 1974 at 11.15 hours.

BUSINESS NOTICES

READERS are recommended to take appropriate professional advice before acting on any of these notices.

IMPORTING AND EXPORTING AUSTRALIAN BUSINESSMAN

is London for one month in connection with import and export business.

Box 2936 C, The Times.

SHIPBROKING FIRM WANTED

LONDON BASED SHIPPING GROUP wishes to acquire a well established firm of SHIPBROKERS or would consider a partial interest if necessary.

2 CARAVAN PARKS FOR SALE IN SCOTLAND

SOUTH WEST SCOTLAND, 22 acres, partly developed site. Licensed for 25 caravans. High-class site with great potential.

MOBILE DISCOTHEQUE

Complete and professionally built mobile discotheque with all accessories.

COMPANY MEETING NOTICES

BAYER AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT The Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held on 27th May 1974 at 11.15 hours.

FRENCH KIER HOLDINGS LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the 1974 Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on 27th May 1974 at 11.15 hours.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE Chancery Division. Notice is hereby given that the petition for the winding up of the company named COMPANY A is now pending.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE Chancery Division. Notice is hereby given that the petition for the winding up of the company named COMPANY M is now pending.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE Chancery Division. Notice is hereby given that the petition for the winding up of the company named COMPANY N is now pending.

DOUGLAS
CIVIL ENGINEERING & BUILDING CONTRACTORS
 BIRMINGHAM • CARDIFF • LIVERPOOL • LONDON • STOCKTON • SWANSEA

London and Regional Market Prices

Financials nervous

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, May 13 Dealings End, May 23 Contango Day, May 24 Settlement Day, June 4
‡ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

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Drummonds
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1974 High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Div Yld	1974 High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Div Yld	1974 High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	Div Yld
BRITISH FUNDS																	
84.5	84.5	Trust	84.5		5.00	100.0	100.0	Trust	100.0		5.00	100.0	100.0	Trust	100.0		5.00
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL																	
100.0	100.0	British Steel	100.0		10.00	100.0	100.0	British Steel	100.0		10.00	100.0	100.0	British Steel	100.0		10.00
COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN																	
100.0	100.0	Foreign	100.0		5.00	100.0	100.0	Foreign	100.0		5.00	100.0	100.0	Foreign	100.0		5.00
LOCAL AUTHORITIES																	
100.0	100.0	Local	100.0		5.00	100.0	100.0	Local	100.0		5.00	100.0	100.0	Local	100.0		5.00
FOREIGN STOCKS																	
100.0	100.0	Foreign	100.0		5.00	100.0	100.0	Foreign	100.0		5.00	100.0	100.0	Foreign	100.0		5.00
DOLLAR STOCKS																	
100.0	100.0	Dollar	100.0		5.00	100.0	100.0	Dollar	100.0		5.00	100.0	100.0	Dollar	100.0		5.00
BANKS AND DISCOUNTS																	
100.0	100.0	Bank	100.0		5.00	100.0	100.0	Bank	100.0		5.00	100.0	100.0	Bank	100.0		5.00
BREWERS AND DISTILLERS																	
100.0	100.0	Brewer	100.0		5.00	100.0	100.0	Brewer	100.0		5.00	100.0	100.0	Brewer	100.0		5.00
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RUBBER																	
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MISCELLANEOUS																	
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REGIONALS																	
100.0	100.0	Reg	100.0		5.00	100.0	100.0	Reg	100.0		5.00	100.0	100.0	Reg	100.0		5.00

Strutt and Parker

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ENDON HALL, BOLLINGTON

A Fine Period Country House
In rural setting, with superb views.
Hall, 2 Reception Rooms, Billiards Room, 8 Main Bedrooms, 2 Dressing Rooms, 3 Bathrooms, Nursery, 5 Secondary Bedrooms, Oil Central Heating. Adjoining Staff Cottage. Castellated courtyard with garaging and stables. Well-maintained gardens. Paddock and Woodland.
About 8 Acres
Lodge Cottage, in separate lot.
AUCTION ON 17th JULY, 1974 (unless previously sold)
London Office, and Grantham Office. (Ref. 4AB625)

YORKSHIRE

Wentbridge 3 miles. Doncaster 8 miles.

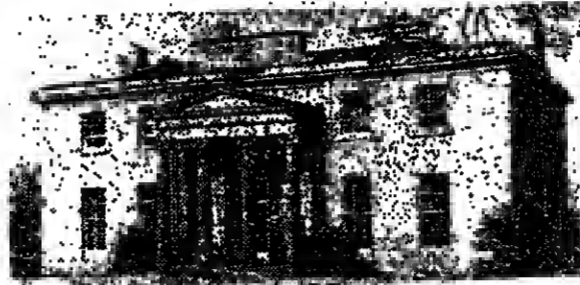


FINE QUEEN ANNE COUNTRY HOUSE

with well proportioned rooms. In mature grounds
Hall, 3 Reception Rooms, Study, 7 Bedrooms, 2 Dressing Rooms, 3 Bathrooms. Staff Accommodation, Electric Storage Heating. Gardens and Grounds of About 4 Acres.
Stable block. Garaging and 2 Cottages available in addition.
Offers invited.
London Office and Grantham Office. (Ref. 4AB614)

COUNTY OF NAIRN

Nairn 2 1/2 miles. Inverness 18 miles.



A FINE LISTED REGENCY COUNTRY HOUSE IN MATURE PARKLAND SETTING

Reception Hall, 4 Reception Rooms, 5 Principal Bedrooms, 2 Secondary Bedrooms, 4 Bathrooms. Domestic Quarters. Extensive Basement Accommodation. Part Central Heating. Walled garden and grounds of about 20 acres. Garage Block with 4 Cottages, adjoining derelict steading with outline planning permission for conversion to 4 further cottages.
Modernised Detached Cottage. (Let)
For Sale Privately as a Whole or in 3 Lots.
Edinburgh Office. (Ref. 3BB635)

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Between Chippenham and Bath 3 miles. M4 3 miles.



A DELIGHTFULLY SITUATED EARLY 18th CENTURY MILL

In the heart of the Beaufort Hunt Country.
Reception Hall, 4 Reception Rooms, Utility Room, 5 Bedrooms, 2 Dressing Rooms, 4 Bathrooms. Full Oil Central Heating. Staff/Guest Cottage. Potential Staff Maisonette. Garaging for 5 cars. Outbuildings. Garden intersected by Mill Stream. Fishing. Paddock.
About 7 Acres
Salisbury Office. (Ref. 7AB1171)

MID ESSEX

Witham 3 1/2 miles. Liverpool Street 45 minutes.

AN OUTSTANDING FULLY RESTORED FARMHOUSE

Featuring a magnificent 14th Century Atled Helt.
3 Principal Reception Rooms, 5 Bedrooms, Bathroom. Full Central Heating. Walled Courtyard. Garaging. Stabling. Garden, grounds and paddocks.
About 12 Acres
Chelmsford Office. (Ref. 2AB1143)

CENTRAL ESSEX

Witham 3 miles. Liverpool Street 45 minutes.

A CHARMING FAMILY HOUSE

with superb views over open country and the Blackwater Estuary
Entrance Hall, 3 Reception Rooms, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Conservatory, 4 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms. Oil Central Heating. Double Garage. Outbuildings. Gardens and Grounds. Tennis Court.
About 2 Acres
£48,000
Chelmsford Office. (Ref. 2BB1137)

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with delightful views over the Weaveney Valley.



THE MANOR HOUSE, SYLEHAM, NR. DISS, NORFOLK

A lovely Georgian House in excellent order.
Hall, 3 Reception Rooms, Breakfast Room, Study, Kitchen and Cloakroom, 4 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, 3 Attic Rooms. Central Heating.
Adjoining Coach House Cottage. Large sitting Room/Bedroom, Kitchen, Bathroom. Central Heating.
About 80 Acres
Excellent grazing and arable land with extensive farmbuildings.
1,000 yards River Frontage with good coarse fishing.
For Sale Privately as a whole or in two lots.
Ipswich Office. (Ref. 5AA137)

MID-SUSSEX

Horsham 6 miles. Victoria 50 minutes.



A SPACIOUS HOUSE WITH XVIIIth CENTURY FEATURES

In a superb position with views towards the Downs.
Hall, 4 Reception Rooms, 7 Bedrooms, 4 Bathrooms. Central Heating. Stable Block with Garaging. Stabling. 2 Staff Cottages. Detached Cottage. Well stocked garden, paddock.
About 1 1/2 Acres
London and Lewes Offices (Ref. 1AB4248)

SUSSEX—NEWICK

Haywards Heath 6 miles. Lewes 8 miles.

A CHARMING AND SPACIOUS GEORGIAN FAMILY HOUSE

on the edge of this Attractive village.
3 Reception Rooms, 7 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms. Dressing Room, Breakfast Room, Playroom. Oil Central Heating. Double Garage. Secluded gardens.
About 3 Acres
Lewes Office. (Ref. 6BD731)

SUSSEX

Between Crowborough and Buxted. London 60 minutes.

A DISTINCTIVE COUNTRY HOUSE

In a beautiful rural position.
Reception Hall, 3 Reception Rooms, 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms (1 en suite). Oil Central Heating. Attractive 3 Bedroom Cottage and Garage Block. Loose Boxes. Delightful Garden, Large Pond and Paddock.
About 5 1/2 Acres
Lewes Office. (Ref. 6AE781)

NORTH ESSEX

Sible Hedingham, Braintree 7 miles. Liverpool Street 1 hour.



AN HISTORIC FULLY RESTORED MANOR HOUSE OF GREAT CHARACTER

with fine country views, set in attractive grounds on the edge of the village.
4 Reception Rooms, 5 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms. Oil Central Heating. Garage. Outbuildings. Well maintained 1 1/2 acre garden. Additional land of 6 1/2 acres.
In All About 7 1/2 Acres
Chelmsford Office. (Ref. 2BB1110)

ESSEX—THORPE-LE-SOKEN

Colchester 13 miles.

AN IMPOSING VICARAGE

situated in spacious grounds on the outskirts of the village.
Entrance Hall, 5 Reception Rooms, 6 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms. Central Heating. Garage. Outbuildings. Timbered gardens and grounds. Building Plot.
About 1 1/2 Acres
Auction in 1 or 2 lots on 14th June, 1974.
Chelmsford Office. (Ref. 2BB1131)

NORTH SUFFOLK

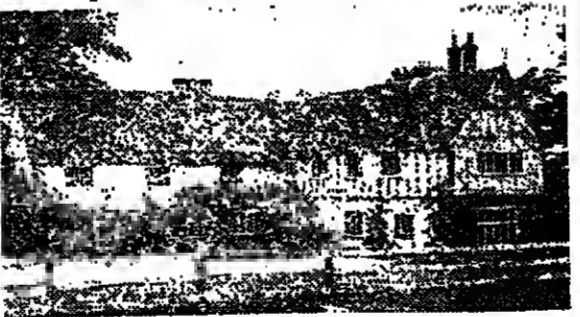
Diss 5 miles. Liverpool Street 120 minutes.

AN ATTRACTIVE PERIOD HOUSE

in unspoilt rural position.
Entrance Hall, 3 Reception Rooms, Study, Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Large Kitchen, 5 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms. Outbuildings. Large Garden.
About 1 Acre
Ipswich Office. (Ref. 5CN091)

HERTFORDSHIRE

Hitchin 1 1/2 miles. King's Cross 37 minutes.



HALF TIMBERED MANOR HOUSE DATING FROM XVIIth CENTURY

In secluded rural position.
Hall, 3 Reception Rooms, 7 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms. Oil Central Heating. Garaging and Stabling. Useful farmbuildings including Medieval Tythe Barn. Easily maintained garden. Hard Tennis Court and paddock. Excellent Pasture Land.
About 8 1/2 Acres.
Joint Sole Agents: Smiths Gore, Tel. 0733 67231 and Strutt & Parker, London Office. (Ref. 1AL4279)

LEICS/NOTTS

Melton 8 miles. Nottingham 19 miles.

WELL PROPORTIONED, STONE BUILT EARLY VICTORIAN HOUSE

in unspoilt village in the Belvoir Hunt.
Hall, 3 Reception Rooms, Playroom, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom. Electric Central Heating. Garage. Stable and Outbuildings. Pleasant Garden and paddock.
About 1.34 Acres £32,500
Grantham Office. (Ref. 4BE584)

KENT—LYDDEN

Dover 6 miles. Canterbury 10 miles.

A DISTINCTIVE COUNTRY HOUSE

in a beautiful secluded position.
Hall, 3 Reception Rooms, Playroom, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, 6 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms. Oil Central Heating. Garage. Outbuildings. Hard Tennis Court. Garden and paddock.
About 5.4 Acres
Canterbury Office. (Ref. 8CD005)

HAMPSHIRE

Petersfield Station 5 miles. Waterloo 1 hour.



A GEORGIAN STYLE HOUSE

In a rural setting with far reaching views.
Hall, 3 Reception Rooms, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, 4 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Dressing Room. Oil Central Heating. Triple Garage. Staff Cottage. Easily maintained garden.
About 1 1/2 Acres
Salisbury Office. (Ref. 7AJ1120)

SUSSEX—CUCKFIELD

Haywards Heath 2 miles. London 47 minutes.

A CHARMING XVIIIth CENTURY FARMHOUSE

In a convenient rural position.
Hall, 4 Reception Rooms, Breakfast Room, 7 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms (1 en suite). Self-contained Flat. Central Heating. Garaging. Stabling. Staff Cottage. Well stocked garden. Heated Swimming pool. Hard Tennis Court.
About 7.65 Acres
Joint Sole Agents: T. Bennister & Company, Tel. Haywards Heath 2402 and Strutt & Parker London and Lewes Offices (Ref. 1AB4209)

WEST SUSSEX

Haywards Heath Station 10 miles.

ATTRACTIVE PERIOD HOUSE OF GEORGIAN DESIGN

with superb views to the North Downs.
Hall, 4 Reception Rooms, Staff Sitting Room, 8 Bedrooms, Dressing Room, 3 Bathrooms. Staff Accommodation with further Bathroom. Central Heating. Garaging. Stabling. Cottage. Entrance Lodge. Mature Garden. Paddocks. Hard Tennis Court. Swimming Pool.
About 22.09 Acres
London and Lewes Offices (Ref. 1AB3710)

SUSSEX/KENT

Wedhurst 1 1/2 miles. Tunbridge Wells 5 miles.



A COUNTRY HOUSE OF CHARACTER

In a rural position with fine views.
2 Reception Rooms, 6 Bedrooms, Dressing Room, 2 Bathrooms, Domestic Quarters, 2 Bedrooms. Self-contained flat. Oil Central Heating. Double Garage. Range of Outbuildings. Delightful mature grounds and pond. Paddock.
About 6 Acres
Cottage available if required.
Lewes Office. (Ref. 6BE737)

SUSSEX—UCKFIELD

Close to the Town Centre.

A DELIGHTFUL EARLY 17th CENTURY FARMHOUSE

in a unique secluded position.
3 Reception Rooms, 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom, 3 Attic Bedrooms. Central Heating. Garden and Orchard.
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Lewes Office. (Ref. 6BD554)

KENT/SUSSEX

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with superb views to the North Downs.
3 Reception Rooms, 6 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms, Study, Games Room. Oil Central Heating. Double Garage. Secluded garden and paddock.
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CHELMSFORD
Coval Hall,
Tel: (0245) 58201

EDINBURGH
26 Walker Street,
Tel: 031-226 7431

GRANTHAM
55 High Street,
Tel: (0476) 5886

IPSWICH
11 Museum Street,
Tel: (0473) 214841

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201 High Street,
Tel: (07916) 5411

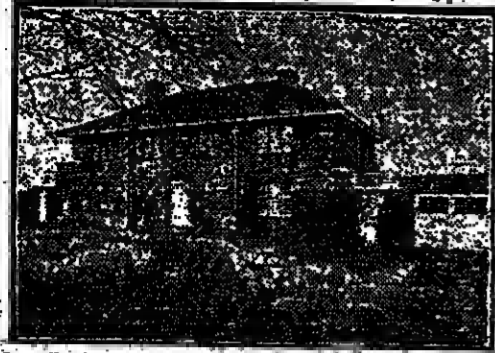
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41 Milford Street,
Tel: (0722) 28741

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA
14 Clifftown Road,
Tel: (0702) 40117

Cluttons

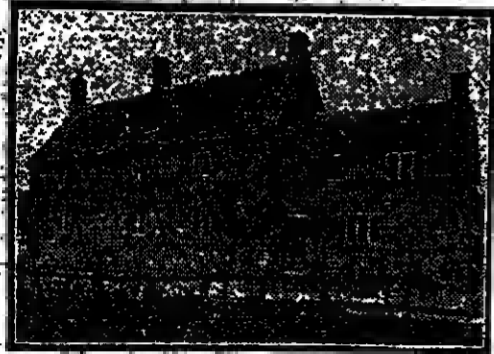
Mayfair: 74 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DD (01 491 2768)
 Bath: 9 Edgar Buildings, George Street, Bath BA1 2EE (64214)
 Wells: 10 New Street, Wells, Somerset, BA5 2LG (78012)
 Canterbury: 17 New Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3AQ (51155)
 Oxfordshire: 23 Beaumont Street, Oxford, OX1 2NP (46611)
 Harrogate: Osborne House, 20 Victoria Avenue, Harrogate, HG1 5QY (64251)

OXFORDSHIRE IFFLEY
 DISTINCTIVE DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE



2 miles from centre of Oxford. 4 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, etc. Heated swimming pool. Large garage. 1/2 acre. FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.
 Details from Oxford office.

OXFORDSHIRE KELMSCOT
 PAIR OF FINE STONE COTTAGES



Ideal for conversion to single dwelling. Each property has sitting room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, attic. Garden. FOR SALE BY AUCTION 3rd July.
 Details from Oxford office.

OXFORDSHIRE BUCKLAND
 DELIGHTFUL PAIR OF THATCHED COTTAGES



Ideal for modernisation, each cottage comprises sitting room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom. Garden. FOR SALE BY AUCTION 3rd July.
 Joint agents: Hobbs & Chambers, Market Place, Faringdon, Berks. (20358)
 Details from Oxford office.

NORTH SOMERSET SHIPHAM
 MODERNISED EDWARDIAN COUNTRY HOUSE



4 reception rooms, kitchen, etc. 10 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms. Central heating. Staff cottage. Stabling, garages. About 16 acres. FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.
 Joint agents: Alonzo Dawes & Hoddell, 6 Ways, Clevedon, Som. (4349)
 Details from Bath office.

SURREY FARNHAM
 A FINE EDWARDIAN HOUSE IN SECLUDED SETTING



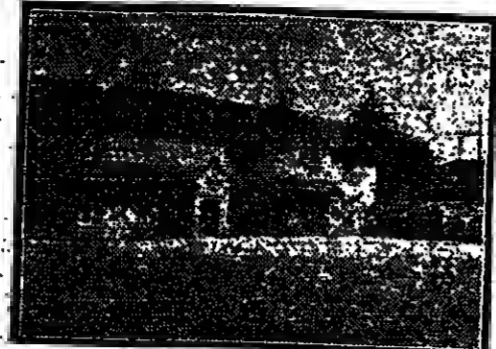
4 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen, etc. Self-contained flat comprising sitting room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen. Hard tennis court. Small paddock. In all about 4.3 acres. FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.
 Joint agents: Messenger May & Baverstock, 4 Castle Street, Farnham, Surrey. (248-14)
 Details from Mayfair office.

BERKSHIRE COOKHAM DEAN
 PLEASANT MODERN HOUSE IN SPACIOUS VILLAGE



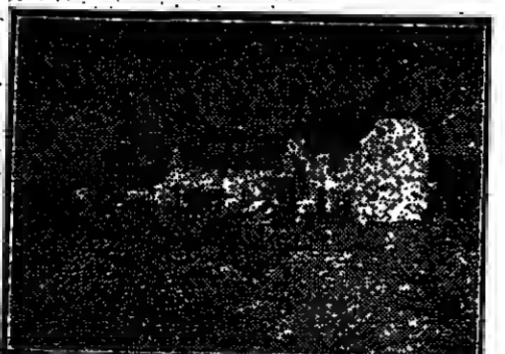
3 reception rooms, 3 bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, etc. Central heating. Garage. Garden. £32,000 FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.
 Joint agents: Giddy & Giddy, 11-13 Church Street, Maidenhead. (22131)
 Details from Mayfair office.

SOMERSET Near FROME
 EARLY 19TH CENTURY COUNTRY HOUSE



3 reception rooms, kitchen, 5 main bedrooms. Central heating. Additional accommodation of 2 living rooms, 3 bedrooms, bathroom. Double garage. Mature garden. FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.
 Details from Bath office.

KENT Near FAVERSHAM
 SMALL MANOR HOUSE PRINCIPALLY OF THE TUDOR PERIOD.



4 reception rooms, 6 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Stable, paddock. About 2.75 acres. FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.
 Details from Canterbury office.

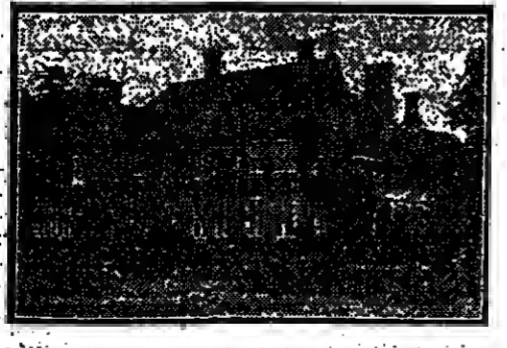
HEREFORDSHIRE



A fine Agricultural Investment and Sporting Estate
 IN ALL 1,906 ACRES PRODUCING £18,242 PER ANNUM

With vacant possession: Hampton Court House, 5 cottages, 528 acres of mainly dedicated woodlands and the sporting over the whole estate including fishing in the River Lugg. Subject to tenancy: 3 excellent stock and arable farms totaling 1,344 ACRES and 2 houses and 1 cottage let separately. FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.
 Details from Mayfair office.

SUFFOLK COAST SAXMUNDHAM
 SUBSTANTIAL EDWARDIAN MANSION WITH LODGE



Set in 19 1/2 acres and within sight of the A12 coast road. Planning consent for hotel use.
 FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.
 Details from Mayfair office.

SOMERSET SOUTH STOKE
 AN APPEALING FAMILY HOUSE PART DATING FROM 18TH CENTURY.



Requiring some modernisation. Hall, 3 reception rooms, kitchen, etc. 6 bedrooms, bathroom. Coach house. 1 acre. FOR SALE BY AUCTION in July.
 Details from Bath office.

WYLVE VALLEY
 South Wiltshire

1,003 ACRE ARABLE AND STOCK FARM for sale on leaseback arrangement

An excellent agricultural investment
 Farmhouse, 7 cottages, ranges of buildings for dairy, beef and corn, on site.
 Rent: £18,000 per annum.
 FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY
 Details from Wells office.

SOMERSET CASTLE CARY

AN ATTRACTIVE GEORGIAN FARMHOUSE in rural surroundings with over 5 acres.

Hall, 3 reception rooms, study, kitchen, cloakroom, 4 bedrooms, bathroom. Garages. Stabling. Garden and Paddock.
 FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.
 Details from Wells office.

THE HAMPTON COURT ESTATE

KENT WICKHAMBREAUX
 OUTSTANDING EARLY MEDIEVAL MANOR HOUSE.



3 reception rooms, kitchen, sun lounge, 5 bedrooms, bathroom, 2 attic rooms. Coach house, stable, outbuildings. Garden and grounds extending to about 1.22 acres. FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.
 Details from Canterbury office.

WILTSHIRE Between BATH & BRADFORD-ON-AVON
 CHARMING PERIOD RESIDENCE



3 reception rooms, kitchen, 4 main bedrooms, bathroom, 2 attic rooms. Coach house, loose box, garage. Self-contained cottage. FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.
 Joint agents: Coward James & Co., 14 New Bond Street, Bath. (65721)
 Details from Bath office.

Near LEOMNSTER

SOMERSET Near WELLS
 SPACIOUS COUNTRY HOUSE DIVIDED INTO 4 FLATS



Hall, 4 reception rooms, etc. 7 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, cellars, attic. Self-contained flat. Suitable for family occupation. 8 1/2 acres. FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.
 Joint agents: Chamberlain Bros. & Edwards, 68 High Street, Shepton Mallet.
 Details from Wells office.

SOMERSET FARLEIGH HUNGERFORD
 PAIR OF CHARMING STONE COTTAGES



Ideal for conversion to 4/5 bedroom house. Mains water and electricity. Septic tank drains. 1/2 acre. FOR SALE BY AUCTION 13th June.
 Details from Bath office.

WILTSHIRE Between BATH & BRADFORD-ON-AVON
 OUTSTANDING PERIOD HOUSE



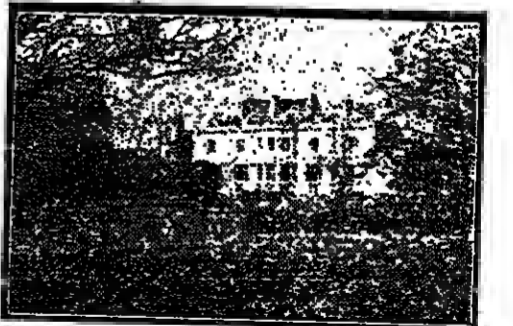
3 reception rooms, kitchen, etc. 6 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Cottage converted into 2 self-contained flats. 1 1/2 acres, including VALUABLE BUILDING SITE with planning permission. FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.
 Joint agents: Pritchard & Co., 11 Quiet Street, Bath. (5476)
 Details from Bath office.

SOMERSET WELLS
 ATTRACTIVE MODERN HOUSE BUILT IN 1968



On the outskirts of the City. Hall, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Central heating. 1/2 acre garden. Garages, stabling. Self-contained cottage. FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.
 Details from Wells office.

SOMERSET WELLS
 BEAUTIFUL GEORGIAN COUNTRY HOUSE BY THE MENDIPS



3 reception rooms, 7 bedrooms, kitchen, attic rooms, cellars. Central heating. Gardens and parkland of over 21 acres. Tennis court, stabling lodge. FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.
 Details from Wells office.

KENT HILDENBOROUGH
 ATTRACTIVE COUNTRY HOUSE IN SUPERB SETTING.



Hall, 3 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Excellent stables, workshops and outbuildings. Garden and paddock. In all about 14 acres. FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.
 Details from Mayfair office.

OXFORDSHIRE Didcot
 THE LONG WITTENHAM ESTATE

FIRST CLASS AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT
 1,426 ACRES LET AND PRODUCING £13,776 PER ANNUM
 4 Farms
 Fishing on the Thames
 Valuable gravel deposits
 FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY
 as a whole or in two blocks.
 Details from Mayfair office and Oxford Office.

NORTH OXFORD
 Close to University Parks and City Centre

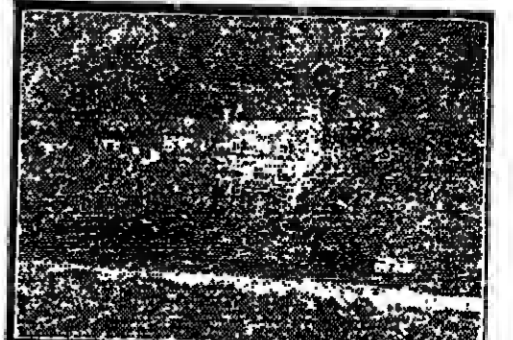
SPLENDID DETACHED VICTORIAN HOUSE in first class residential area. In need of modernisation. 7 bedrooms, 4 reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom, cellar. Freehold.
 FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.
 Details from Oxford office.

HAMPSHIRE BASING
 DELIGHTFUL 17TH CENTURY FARMHOUSE



3 reception rooms, 6 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, etc. Good outbuildings. Lovely garden. Together with 6 VALUABLE BUILDING PLOTS. In all 2.058 acres. FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.
 Details from Mayfair office.

SOMERSET COMBE HAY
 17TH CENTURY FAMILY HOUSE



3 reception rooms, kitchen with oil-fired Aga, 6 bedrooms, dressing room, bathroom. Garage. Outbuildings. Garden of 2 acres. FOR SALE BY AUCTION 3rd July.
 Details from Bath office.

ADVERTISING

Table with advertising rates for various categories like Annuals and Brink, Art Exhibitions, Business Services, etc.

BIRTHS

Biographical notices for various individuals including Mrs. Victoria, Mrs. Elizabeth, Mrs. Mary, etc.

MARRIAGES

Announcements of marriages such as Mr. & Mrs. John, Mr. & Mrs. David, etc.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 13,693

Introductory text for the crossword puzzle, mentioning it was used at the Edinburgh regional final of the Cutty Sark/Times Crossword Championship.

The crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 29.

Answers to the crossword puzzle, including 'He pelted in an effort on the moid (5)', '1 drink for a Hebridean (8)', etc.

DEATHS

Obituary notices for individuals such as Mrs. Elizabeth, Mrs. Mary, Mrs. Jean, etc.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public notices and announcements, including 'HELP SAVE UNWANTED DOGS' and 'FRENCH PAYING GUESTS'.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

Personal notices and advertisements, including 'CANCER RESEARCH' and 'DO ANIMALS FEEL PAIN?'.

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS

Advertisements for holiday homes and villas, including 'YACHT HOLIDAYS' and 'ENJOY A HOLIDAY ON DARTMOOR'.

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Advertisements for holiday homes and villas, including 'SCOTTISH HOLIDAYS OF A LIFETIME' and 'COMPAYNE COURT HOTEL'.

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Advertisements for holiday homes and villas, including 'WHITSON IN MORO' and 'AFRICA SPECIALS (ECON AIR)'.

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Advertisements for holiday homes and villas, including 'LAST MINUTE BARGAINS' and 'TRAVELAIR TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND'.

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Advertisements for holiday homes and villas, including 'GREECE AND THE ISLANDS' and 'CRETE, CORFU, LINDOS AND RHODES'.

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